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IN MEMORIAM.

DENNIS—In ever-loving memory of Richard Thomas Dennis, Second Lieutenant, R.I. Rifles, who passed away at Wimereux on 19th December, 1918, aged 19 years, only son of Richard Dennis, Balbriggan.
"Somewhere beyond the life You gave is found, Somewhere we know by God's own hand is crowned
Love's sacrifice."

BIRTHS.

DOHERTY—December 7, 1923, at The Bungalow, Castlerea, to Annie, wife of Gregory Doherty, Ulster Bank, Ltd., a daughter.

HENRY—December 9, 1923, at Largy, Drumconrath, Co. Meath, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Henry, a son.

McDADE—December 12, 1923, at Nursing Home, 12 Upper Leeson st., to Mr. and Mrs. H. McDade, a daughter.

MUNRO—December 16, 1923, at Hereford, to Captain and Mrs. H. F. Munro, a daughter (Eleanor Mary).

PAGAN—December 14, 1923, at Ballylin, Ferbane, King's Co., to Mr. and Mrs. Pagan, a son.

WHELAN—December 10, 1923, at 93 Lower Baggot st., to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Whelan, 42 Raymond st., a daughter.

WILLIAMS—December 4, 1923, at Belfast, to Mrs. and Major Newton M. Williams, M.C. (Persia), a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEATTIE and SMYTH—December 15, 1923, at Port Said, Douglas William Beattie, Eastern Telegraph Company's Service, to Alexandra Smyth, of 7 Dartmouth square, Dublin. (By cable.)

HILL and SPILLER—November 11, 1923, by special licence, at Edmonton Parish Church, Herbert Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, 55 Grove st., Edmonton, London, to Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spiller, 7 Mountpleasant ter., Rathmines, Dublin.

WILLIAMS and MARKS—December 15, 1923, at St. Matthew's Church, Irishtown, by the Rev. J. Carolin, D., Thomas Wilkin Williams, of Sandymount and Swansea, to Mary Constance Marks, of Sandymount, daughter of the late Robert J. Leland, of Drogheda.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

CAMPBELL—December 18, 1923, at his residence, 5 Victoria place, Athlone, Richard Campbell, aged 89 years. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to Cornamagh Cemetery.

CHAPMAN—December 16, 1923, in Dublin, Maria, daughter of the late Benjamin Chapman, Clorey, Ferns. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) from Harcourt st. Station, arriving at Ferns 1.32, for Ballycarney.

CLEMENTS—December 18, 1923, Mary Sophia Clements, of La Rive, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

FARRELL—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Longford, Christopher J. P. Farrell, Solicitor, aged 47 years. R.I.P. High Mass at St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford, to-day (Wednesday), 19th inst., at 11 a.m. Funeral from Cathedral immediately after Mass.

FLEMING—December 17, 1923, at his residence, Mourne View House, Lurgan, W. J. Fleming, Solicitor, dearly-beloved husband of Massie W. Fleming. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 11 o'clock to the family burying ground, Shankill.

GOGGIN—December 16, 1923, at the Bevan Nursing Home, Sandgate, after a brief illness, Colonel G. T. Goggin, R.A.M.C. (retired), of Cratloe, Tarketel rd., Folkestone, and Limerick.

HUSSEY—December 17, 1923, at The Rest, Camden Row, George James, youngest son of Frances and the late James Hussey, of this city. Funeral private.

McLOUGHLIN—December 18, 1923, at her residence, Kiltrough, Drogheda, Bridget McLoughlin, R.I.P. Remains removed to St. Mary's Church 6.30 this (Wednesday) evening. Office and High Mass in St. Mary's to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral to Colpe Cemetery immediately afterwards.

MOORE—December 17, 1923, at Richview, Clonskeagh, Helen Cleland, wife of James Moore, M.A., Headmaster, Masonic Boys' School, and second daughter of the late Charles T. Haines, Esq. Funeral private. No flowers.

O'BRIEN—December 15, 1923, at her residence, Lower Curragh, Skibbereen, Bridget, dearly-beloved wife of Jeremiah O'Brien. Deeply regretted.

O'KEEFFE—December 18, 1923, at the Presbytery, Gardiner st., Dublin, the Rev. Timothy O'Keeffe, S.J., aged 83. R.I.P. Office and High Mass at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday), 20th December. His Grace the Archbishop will preside.

O'REILLY—December 16, 1923, at the Private Nursing Home, Eccles st., the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Bishop of Peoria, Illinois, America, and late of "Novara," Hollybrook rd., Clontarf. Office and High Mass at Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf, at 11 o'clock, this (Wednesday) morning. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery immediately after.

READE—December 13, 1923, at Holmead, Tiverton, after a week's illness, Sarah Jane, widow of the late Joseph Reade, Ennis, Co. Clare, and beloved sister of Mrs. Bolton. Her end was peace. Friends will please accept this (the only) intimation.

ROCHFORD—December 18, 1923, at his residence, Lucerne, Strand rd., Sandymount, John Rochford, K.S.G., aged 89 years. R.I.P. Funeral from the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount, after 9 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Thursday), 20th December, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

SHERRIFF—December 18, 1923, at Pottleboy, Coolehill, Gladys, elder daughter of Edwin and Annie Sherriff, aged 22 years. Funeral to-day (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. to Coolehill Presbyterian Cemetery.

STOKER—December 18, 1923, Ruth, fourth daughter of Frank Stoker, 23 Westland Row, aged 14 years. R.I.P. Funeral private.

TIGHE—December 17, 1923, at 3 Clifton tce., Ranelagh rd., after a short illness, late of Ballywilliam. "With the Lord, which is far better."

WYBRANTS—December 17, 1923, at Richmond Hospital, Anne Wybrants, late of Mountmellick. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) morning to Mount Jerome at 11 o'clock.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Anthony and family, of Westenra Lodge, Kildare, desire to thank all those who have so kindly remembered them in their recent sad bereavement, and regret they are unable to reply individually to each message of sympathy.

Mrs. Moonan, Castle st., Ardee, begs to return thanks to all those who so kindly sent messages of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, and trusts they will accept this as her grateful acknowledgments.

Mrs. Ryan and family, St. Helen's, Claremont rd., Sandymount, wish to thank their many kind friends who sent telegrams and letters of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and trust they will accept this as a grateful acknowledgment.

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MOORE—In loving remembrance of mother, called to rest 19th December, 1922. "O that will be joyful, when we meet to part no more."

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WANTED, young Lady, Nursery Governess for boy 7 years old; needlewoman, help light duties; January.—Mrs. Norman Neale, Kilmantin, Foxrock. 17 E

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

A SHORTHAND Typist, not afraid of work; printing office routine, advertising, accounts; good knowledge of Irish.—D 1447, this office. 17 C

A CONSTABULARY Man desires position of Trust, clerical work, timekeeper, etc.; married, age 25; good testimonials. Address "Z 3393, Employment," this office. 17 E

FIRST class Housekeeper disengaged January; R.C.; go one or two gentlemen, or Cook; good wages expected; Dublin or suburbs preferred. Address "Z 3384, Housekeeper," this office.

GENTLEMAN desires post as Manager or Buyer of Drapery, Dublin or provinces; Irish and cross-Channel experience; excellent references. Address "Z 3385, Manager," this office. 17 E

HARDWARE—Young Man seeks position as Senior Assistant, having seven years' experience; Protestant; excellent references; Dublin preferred. Address "Z 3363, Assistant," this office. 15 D

INSURANCE—Experienced Gentleman seeks appointment Inspector or Senior Clerk; C.I.I. certificate; splendid testimonials.—D 1426, this office. 17 O

LADY desires post, Companion to lady or gentleman; good housekeeper; highest testimonials. Address "Z 3342, Lady," this office. 14 O

LADY desires position Junior Clerk, wholesale firm; moderate salary. Address "Z 3397, Clerk," this office. 17 O

LADY Help, Nursery Governess, or Mother's Help—Refined young Lady, 18, R.C., nice appearance, shortly left school, excellent home experience all household duties, willing and capable, wishes post (indoor); highest references; please give full particulars. Address "Z 3421, Help," this office.

MAN, 36, well educated, requires employment; best references; T.T.; clerical or otherwise.—D 1448, this office. 17 F

PROTESTANT Lady desires post (daily) as Useful Help; housework, cooking; 10/- weekly.—"Help," Winnett's, Dalkey.

PLASTERING, Carpentry, Painting, Papering, Plumbing, and General House Repairs Executed by three competent Workmen. Apply Hannan, 19 Emerald street. 15 D

PLUMBER'S Improver, five years' experience, wishes vacancy with Plumbing Contractor.—D 1514, this office. 18 F

SHOP Assistant, disengaged; understands Confectionery; city, suburbs; highly recommended.—D 1453, this office.

YOUNG Man (B. Comm. Degree, N.U.I.), with good knowledge of Accountancy, wishes to hear of a vacancy in city Accountant's Office; excellent testimonials.—D 1384, this office. 15 D

MALE SERVANT WANTED.

WANTED immediately, Indoor Manservant; wait table, etc.; indoor private house experience essential; wages £35; send copies discharges.—Prospect, Templeogue, Dublin. 17 E

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

WANTED, experienced Foreman; thorough knowledge bedding plants, chrysanthemums, roses, tomatoes; small Nursery, near Kildare; copies references, age, wages required. Address "Z 3354, Foreman," this office. 14 O

MALE STEWARDS DISENGAGED.

TRAPPERS—Two Men disengaged; own gear; good reference.—Trappers, Cronovone, Borrisoleigh, Thurles. 14 C

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

TENNIS Court Expert; all kinds of Gardening, Planting and Pruning; terms moderate; distance no object.—Horlis 18 Ballsbridge avenue, Dublin. 18 F

DOMESTICS WANTED.

AT Mulpeter's, 11 South Anne st.—Wanted, 3 young Nurses, Cooks, several Generals, P'maids. 17 O

CAPABLE Working Housekeeper (Protestant), elderly, Wanted by clergyman in country rectory; no other domestic kept; wages £24; state age. Address, with copies, "Z 3413, Housekeeper," this office.

LADY, County Meath, requires Domestic Help or good General.—D 1511, this office. 18 F

WANTED, Daily Help in house, young girl, immediately. Apply, before ten in morning or after six, to Mrs. Dove, 94 Merrion square. 17 O

WANTED for two in family, a respectable, strong, active, good tempered (Protestant), good Cook General; bread, cakes, butter; do own washing and rubbers; early riser; singlehanded; for quiet country place, Midlands. Reply, with copy references, stating age, wages, to Box 945, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin. 15 D

VACANCIES FOR SERVANTS.

There are many vacancies in the REGISTRY of the "IRISH TIMES" for all classes of Trained and Untrained Servants. Good wages offered. No fee charged. MATRON can recommend comfortable Homes where Servants can stay while waiting for situations. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

RESPECTABLE country Girl Wanted after Christmas; good plain cook; wash flannels; housemaid kept. Send copies to Mrs. W. Oldsbern, Dunlavin. 15 D

WANTED, good Cook General and House Parlourmaid, family two (interview Dublin). Reply, wages, copies references. Whitaker, Tully, Drumcar, Co. Leitrim.

WANTED, Cook General for London; reliable; must have references; state age; £36; fare paid. Apply Mrs. Hopwood, Aygod House, Somerset road, Ealing. 15 X

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

A WIFE'S CIGARETTES.

"DISGUSTING habit! I can't understand why you women smoke. I wish, my dear, you would give it up."

So spoke the husband.

The wife, being modern and also clever, merely smiled sweetly and said: "Perhaps, I will—after Christmas worries are over, darling." She was too good a sportswoman to say, "What about your horrid pipe that wants cleaning?" A "*tu quoque*" was not her method of conducting an argument.

Whilst her husband sat over the fire cleaning his pipe with one of her hatpins, blowing down the stem, forcing out oily, black nicotine (how foul it smelt!), she lay back in an armchair, watching the soft, misty rings of smoke from her cigarette floating languidly in the air.

As she smoked she ruminated, and calmly considered the subject of smoking in general, and in particular what was the attraction which cigarettes had for her.

Was it, as her husband suggested once, sheer "devilment" and a wish to appear up-to-date and younger than she was?

No, certainly not; her conscience was clear of that.

Was it the fact that a cigarette usually meant quiet, solitude (she usually smoked when alone), and a much-needed rest—a little ten minutes' oasis in the dreary desert of domestic duties? Perhaps, a little of all this was the reason.

Was it, also, that the subtle aroma of a Turkish or Egyptian cigarette brought back days of delight when she was young and her home was in the East? (Scent has such an extraordinary power of reviving memory and associating the past and the present.)

Yes, this was undoubtedly one of her reasons for loving a cigarette.

She was fastidious in her choice of tobacco. Virginian did not please her sense of smell and flavour; it must be Oriental, and the best. Unfortunately, to be a *gourmet* rather than a *gourmand* in smoking is an expensive taste nowadays in Ireland; so she had to be content with quality—two or three a day was her limit.

Any other reason, I wonder? She thought; let—me—see, and she lay back on the cushions of her chair, watching the clouds of delicate, frail puffs and curls of smoke ascending and forming into fairy-like figures and strange hieroglyphics to her fanciful mind. "Yes," she murmured half aloud; "it is chiefly the beauty of the smoke I love and the strange dreams it brings to——"

"What do you say? Are you talking in your sleep?"

Her husband's voice shattered the dreams, the cigarette burnt her fingers, and a little mountain of dead grey ash fell on her dress.

"Yes, dear, I believe I *was* dreaming; silly of me!" She looked at him; he was puffing contentedly at a newly-cleaned, newly-filled pipe, his newspaper lowered, whilst he glanced across the room at her inquiringly.

"Oh, by the way, darling," she said, "I was thinking, just before I went to sleep, about what on earth I shall do with the box of Havana cigars and the meerschaum pipe and the Craven tobacco I got you for your Christmas present—now that you have turned against smoking and think it a disgusting habit; *do* tell me."

He blushed, he smiled, and from his pocket he drew a box of a hundred Egyptian cigarettes. "I forgot; I bought these for you yesterday," he said, and handed them to her with rather a sheepish grin.

MAY SLADE.

WORRY AND WRINKLES.

LET not the woman who values her complexion indulge either in weeping or in worry; for though work may also produce wrinkles, yet worry most certainly will do so, and in most cases it is worry, not work, that kills.

There are, at any rate, two things about which we should never worry, and these are the things we can help and the things we cannot. For if a matter is our own fault, we can repair the wrong; if it is something beyond our power, then we can cultivate the grace of resignation. But it is by no means easy to avoid mental anxiety, and this will inevitably stamp itself upon our face. Coleridge once said that in every face there is a prophecy or a history; and by this I think he means that in the care-free faces of the young we can guess something of what the future holds in store for them, and in the care-worn faces of those who are older we can read a tale of past conflicts and battles lost or won.

It is a consolation to bear in mind that a face without wrinkles is often also a face without character. I recollect discussing with the late Bishop of Gibraltar (Dr. Collins) the deeply lined countenance of an eminent Turkish statesman whom he had just met, and who was as distinguished for his upright conduct as for the troubles he had passed through; and the Bishop said, in that gentle way that we who loved him knew so well: "I think, don't you, that there are good lines as well as bad in a face."

Those who are characterised by an easy optimism, pursuing the even tenor of their way heedless of the needs and the sufferings of others, can preserve an unlined forehead and unfurrowed cheeks. Rather than climb the Hill Difficulty, they content themselves with the smoother way of Bye-Path Meadow. They do not worry because they are self-centred, but they lack that wonderful gift of sympathy which means literally "suffering with," and which entails a real drain and strain upon one's vitality. The lines caused by this thus become the veritable *stigmata* or marks of the Lord Jesus, and we remember that it was written of Him that "His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men."

A. P. W.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.
GENERALS WANTED.

CAN lady recommend nice, trustworthy, young General; must be good houseworker; no cooking, no washing; good home; wages £20.—D 1357, this office. 15 D

GENERAL Wanted (indoor or outdoor), 15/- weekly; two ladies; steady young woman; copy references.—D 1279, this office. 14 O

WANTED, experienced General, small family; good wages.—Mrs. Gorman, 3 Lower Pembroke street. 14 C

WANTED, steady clean General, one lady; Greystones; £20.—D 1429, this office. 17 O

WANTED, experienced young General, 1st January; good plain cook; small washing. Call after six o'clock, or write, stating age, wages, to Cranford, Kimmage road, Terenure. 17 O

WANTED, a superior person as General Servant; plain cooking. Reply, with copies of references, D 1390, this office. 17 E

WANTED, a respectable girl, to train as General Servant; plain cooking; country girl preferred.—D 1391, this office. 17 E

WANTED, General for housework to 12 noon daily, Drumcondra vicinity; seven shillings weekly; reference (copies) required.—D 1446, this office. 17 E

WANTED, young General; references. Apply, after 6 p.m., 76 Marlborough road, Donnybrook.

WANTED, experienced General. Apply, bringing references, to 120 North Circular road.

YOUNG General Wanted immediately, small family. Interview, morning, 1 Alma road, Monkstown.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

A PARLOURMAID, £36; H. P'maid, £32; Dublin; 2 each family.—Kennedy's, 68 Sackville street.

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, five in family, housemaid kept, country place, County Waterford; wage £30; good references required. Address "Z 3390, House Parlourmaid," this office. 17 O

WANTED immediately, superior Girl to train as House Parlourmaid; under housemaid might suit; Meath. Address "Z 3372, Maid," this office. 15 D

WANTED after Christmas good House Parlourmaid, where housemaid kept; small family.—Gibbings, Ballybrack House, Killiney. 17 O

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AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS, and ATTENDANTS—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. Interviews daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

WANTED, competent young Nurse, baby 9 months; do nursery and washing. Send copies, Mrs. Tomlinson, Fairyhill, Blackrock. 17 E

WANTED, for provincial town, early in January, 1924, experienced young Nurse for three children, 2 boys, 1 girl, ages 6, 3, 1½; must do own nursery, children's washing, sew, and knit; Catholic. Address "Z 3090, Nurse," this office. 4 X

WANTED, January 20th, experienced R.C. Nurse, boy 1 year; do own nursery, some babies' washing; needlewoman essential. Send copies of discharges, stating age, wages expected, to Lady O'Connell, Lakeview, Killarney. 17 X

YOUNG Nurse Wanted, South side city, daily; child 18 months; state wages, reference.—D 1482, this office.

YOUNG Girl Wanted to care baby girl, 2½ years.—D 1513, this office.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED young Girl desires position with Doctor or Dentist; attend hall door, clean surgery, etc.; indoor.—D 1358, this office. 14 O

HOUSEKEEPER, Working, to few gentlemen; long references.—D 1491, this office.

POSITION as Working Housekeeper, with daughter, 14; do light work; disengaged after Xmas (not servant class); city, suburbs. Address "Z 3411, Housekeeper," this office.

RESPECTABLE elderly Woman would assist in housework; small wages; after Xmas.—D 1488, this office.

YOUNG Girl, do light housework, help with children; recommended.—D 1492, this office.

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COOK General; good cook; temporary, permanent; country, suburbs; recommended.—D 1451, this office.

LADY can thoroughly recommend excellent Cook General, or would go General in small family; disengaged early in January.—19 Herbert Park. 14 C

SITUATION Wanted as Cook General, or would go on a job.—D 1486, this office.

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GENERAL seeks situation; good wages and outings; well recommended.—R O 945, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

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HOUSEMAID, Protestant, disengaged soon; well recommended; would go to England. Address "Z 3408, Housemaid," this office.

TWO Girls wish situations, House Parlourmaid, plain Cook General; both well recommended. Address "Z 3345, Girls," this office. 14 O

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ASH Butts, Wanted, to 12 inch small end; prices, delivered Manorhamilton Station.—T. R. Armstrong, The Mills, Manorhamilton. T

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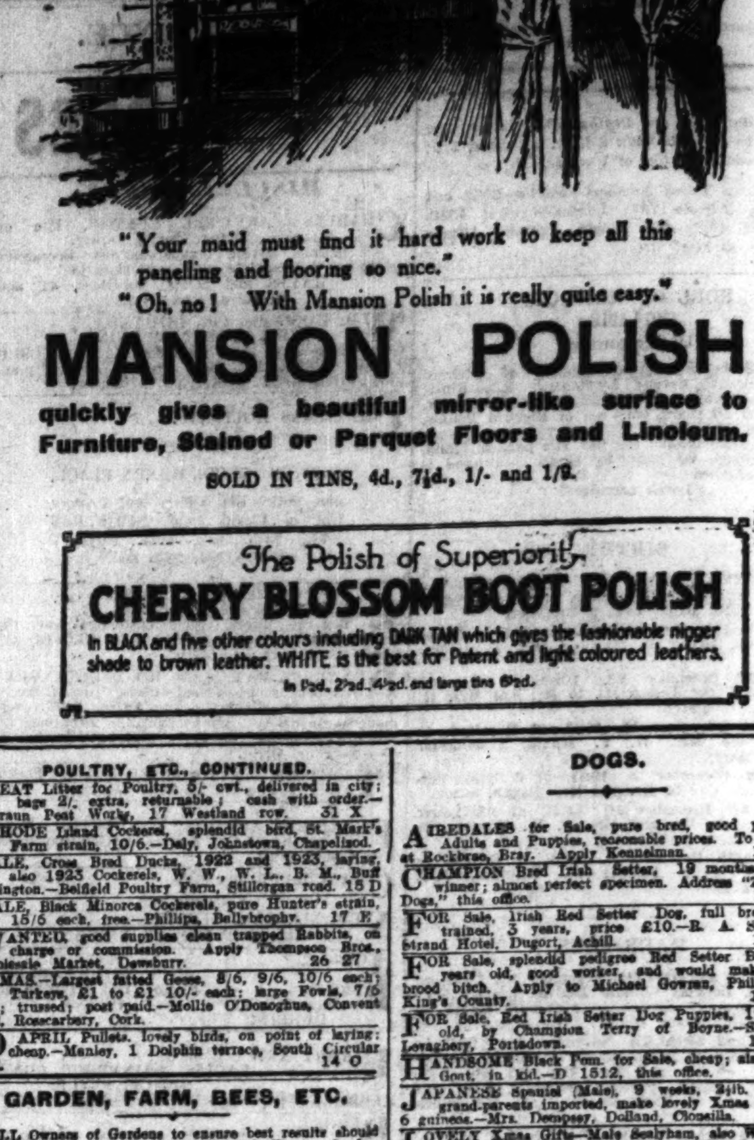

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

SUPPLIES FOR A CARNIVAL.

ACTION AGAINST COMMITTEE MAN.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, in the King's Bench Division, Dublin, in the action brought by Anthony Wilson and Co., Ltd., Lower Baggot street, Dublin, against John J. Byrne, Newtown House, Blackrock, County Dublin, for £152 19s. 10d., goods sold and delivered,

Mr. Newett (instructed by Messrs. W. M. Moore and Sons) said that this was a motion for final judgment. The goods were ordered by the defendant and delivered on his order as the White City Carnival. The defendant, in an affidavit, set out that the goods mentioned in the statement of claim were never sold or delivered to him. He was a member of the Committee of the White City Carnival, but any goods that he ordered from the plaintiffs for the carnival he ordered as agent for the Committee, and he disclosed that fact to the plaintiffs.

Mr. Hughes (instructed by Mr. T. J. Farrelly) appeared for the defendant, and said that his client denied having given a guarantee to cover the price of the goods delivered.

Mr. Justice Dodd said that in the affidavit £23 of the sum claimed represented goods which had been delivered at Mr. Byrne's House. He refused the motion for final judgment, but ordered the defendant to lodge in Court £50 on account of that £23 and costs of the action with his defence before the 5th January next, and the trial would then take place in the ordinary way.

AN ACTION FOR SLANDER.

REMITTING MOTION REFUSED.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, Mr. Martin Maguire (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.) applied on behalf of the defendant to remit to the Recorder of Dublin for trial the action brought by John J. Fagan, 10 Dartmouth square, Dublin, against Andrew J. Sheeran, 3 Westmoreland street, Dublin, accountant, for slander. The defendant denied that he slandered the plaintiff as alleged. Counsel moved on the affidavit of the defendant, who said that the plaintiff had no visible means of paying his costs should a verdict be given against him. The plaintiff, in an answering affidavit, said that he was a civil engineer by profession, and assistant surveyor to the Rathmines Town Commissioners. In all he had an income of over £700, and his household furniture was valued for £500.

Mr. Cunniam (instructed by Mr. J. M. McDowell), who appeared for the plaintiff, opposed the application to remit the action, and said that his client was a man of visible means, and holding an important position.

Mr. Justice Dodd refused to remit the motion.

VINTNERS' ASSISTANTS' UNION.

MEMBER'S DISMISSAL QUESTIONED.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of Powderly v. Irish National Union of Vintners', Grocers', and Allied Trades' Assistants,

Mr. Fergus O'Connor (instructed by Mr. Sean O hUadhaigh) applied on behalf of the plaintiff, Michael Powderly, for an order directing the defendants to make discovery of all documents in their custody or possession relating to the subject matter of the action. The action, he said, was concerned with the dismissing of the plaintiff from membership of the Union, and the issue was whether under the rules of the Society, the Committee had power to expel the plaintiff and fine him as they had done by two resolutions passed by them as they purported to do. The writ of summons asked for five declarations, two injunctions, and one order. The defence had been delivered.

Mr. Hannon, who appeared for the defendants, said that he had no objection to the order being made, and asked for a cross order.

The Master of the Rolls made the order sought, and also a cross order for the defendants.

A SEIZED MOTOR CAR.

QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, in the action brought by Thompson and Brown, Ltd., wholesale motor agents, against J. Knowd and Co., Ltd., of Main street, Swords, Co. Dublin, motor and cycle agents, and in the matter of Hester Jane Knowd, claimant,

Mr. Martin Maguire (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.) appeared for Mr. William A. McCracken, High Sheriff of County Dublin, on an interpleader summons. The High Sheriff had seized a De Dion motor car on the premises of the defendants in the execution of a judgment lodged with the Sheriff on the 7th November last. A claim had been made by Hester Jane Knowd that the motor car was the sole and exclusive property of her husband, George Alexander Knowd. The business was carried on by William Knowd, a son of Hester Jane Knowd and George Alexander Knowd.

Mr. Costello (instructed by Messrs. O'Hanlon and Co.) appeared for the plaintiff, and stated that the question involved one of great importance to the wholesale motor trade of the country.

Messrs. A. and L. Goodbody, solicitors, appeared for the claimant.

Mr. Justice Dodd made an order directing that an issue be tried on Friday next by a judge without a jury, the question for determination being whether the motor car was the property of George Alexander Knowd, who had died since the execution of the *fi fa*. He also directed that Hester Jane Knowd be appointed administratrix for the purpose of testing the claim on behalf of her deceased husband.

INJURED ON THE RAILWAY.

AGREED DAMAGES.

In the King's Bench Division, before Mr. Justice Dodd, a settlement was announced in three actions brought against the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company for damages for personal injuries sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the alleged negligence of the defendants in the management of a railway engine and train.

Mr. E. J. Kelly (instructed by Messrs. Cochrane and Co.) applied in the case in which Percy Slauter, by his next friend, Catherine Merriman, was plaintiff, to have a consent entered into for the sum of £100 made a rule of Court.

Mr. Justice Dodd made the order.

Mr. Lennon (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.) made a similar application in the action brought by Richard Rock, of Lynch's cottages, The Burrowes, Bettystown, Co. Meath, civil servant. The settlement provided for the payment of £350 and costs. He made a further application in the action brought by Thomas Lombard, 11 Norfolk street, Phibsborough, civil servant, against the same defendants. The settlement provided for the payment of £400 and costs.

Mr. Justice Dodd made the consents a rule of Court.

A DUBLIN COMPANY.

SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of the Companies Acts and Gavin Low, Ltd., which was listed for hearing on a winding-up petition,

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., who, with Mr. Pewell (instructed by Messrs. William Fry and Son), appeared for the company, said that he was happy to tell his lordship that this matter had now been settled in the most satisfactory way, and he thought it was only right to say that these proceedings were not in any way due to the financial condition of the company.

The Master of the Rolls—It was purely a domestic matter?

Mr. Brown, K.C.—Yes, my lord, a purely domestic matter, and it has been settled most satisfactorily, and may be struck out.

The Master of the Rolls—Very well, strike it out.

The case was accordingly struck out of the list.

Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Geoghegan (instructed by Mr. James Fagan) appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. Jellett, K.C., and Mr. H. Hamilton (also instructed by Mr. James Fagan) for a shareholder.

DAMAGE BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

A CASE FOR THE APPEAL COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Pim, the case of Kennedy and another v. the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd., was mentioned on an application on behalf of the defendant company that judgment be entered against another defendant, Joseph Maguire, a member of the Civic Guard, in favour of the plaintiffs, for £95, the amount of damages found by the jury, and that judgment also be entered in favour of the defendant company.

The action was tried before Mr. Justice Pim and a city common jury some time ago. It appeared that the motor lorry of the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd., broke through the wall of the gate lodge belonging to the plaintiffs, Mary Luice Elizabeth Kennedy and George H. B. Kennedy, of Frascati, Blackrock, and an action was brought against both defendants for negligent driving. The case made by the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd., was that while their steam lorry was proceeding regularly and properly along the road, the defendant, Civic Guard Maguire, driving at a fast rate, struck the lorry in endeavouring to pass it, and caused it to swerve suddenly at right angles, and then strike against the plaintiffs' wall. The defence of Civic Guard Maguire was to the effect that he had not negligently driven the Crossley car, of which he was in charge, and that if he did touch the steam lorry at all, it was only a slight scratch with the rear mudguard, which could not have done the injury alleged by the other defendants.

The jury had found that the defendant, Joseph Maguire, was guilty of negligence, but did not answer the question as to whether the defendants, the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd., were guilty of negligence or not, and found that the plaintiffs were entitled to £95.

Mr. Denning, K.C., and Mr. Morgan Byrne (instructed by Mr. E. M. Lloyd) appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Battersby, K.C., and Mr. C. S. Campbell (instructed by Messrs. Stritch and Stritch) appeared for the defendants, the Merchant Warehousing Co., Ltd.; while the defendant, Civic Guard Maguire, was not represented on the present application.

His Lordship refused the application, stating that he considered that the matter was more for the Court of Appeal than for him. He reserved the question of costs.

CHILD INJURED BY MOTOR CAR.

DAMAGES TO BE INVESTED IN NATIONAL LOAN.

Before Mr. Justice Pim, sitting without a jury, the case of Humphries v. Wilson was heard.

Catherine Winifred Humphries, a minor, by Michael Humphries, her father, of 11 Hanover street, West, Dublin, sued William Wilson, Beltown House, Kells, Co. Meath, farmer, for damages for personal injuries, caused, as alleged, by the negligence of the defendant, his servants and agents, in the driving, control, and management of a motor car.

It was stated, on behalf of the plaintiff, that the child was knocked down by the defendant's car in Francis street on the 6th July last, and was detained for eleven weeks in the Meath Hospital.

The defendant stated that the child ran out in front of the car, and he could not have done anything to prevent the accident.

His Lordship said that he had come to the conclusion that there was negligence in this case. The defendant should not have been driving as fast as he was driving. His lordship did not think that the child was injured for life, and he could not speculate on possibilities. He would give a decree for £200, to be lodged in Irish National Loan, the interest to be paid to the father for the benefit of the child.

Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. Lavery (instructed by Messrs. Corrigan and Corrigan) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Denning, K.C., and Mr. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr. C. Murphy) for the defendant.

ACCOUNTING FOR DIVIDENDS.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the Chancery Division, in the case of James Magill, of Silverbrook Mills, Donemana, and William Mullan, executors of John O'Doherty, deceased, against Mrs. Margaret Carolan, Clonleigh, Porthall, and others,

Mr. Murnaghan (instructed by Mr. Hugh C. O'Doherty) applied on behalf of the plaintiffs for an order directing the defendant, Isabella McGilloway, to account for certain dividends accrued due to deceased's estate from shares in J. J. McConnell; or, in the alternative, that Messrs. McConnell should lodge the dividends, amounting to £108 odd, in the Court to the credit of the matter. No dividend had been accounted for since 1920.

The Master of the Rolls gave Messrs. McConnell leave to bring into Court the dividends on shares lately standing in the name of Isabella McGilloway.

INSURANCE COMPANY'S DIVIDENDS.

In the Chancery Division, on the application of Mr. Russell (instructed by Messrs. J. L. Scallan and Co.), the Master of the Rolls made an order directing the Accountant-General from time to time to pay to the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, Ltd., the dividends, as they accrued due, on the sum of £25,216 14s. 7d., 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan, representing the sum of £20,000 transferred into Court by the company pursuant to the Assurance Companies Act, 1909.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS.

A KILKENNY ESTATE.

Yesterday in the Dail Eireann (Winding Up) Courts, before Chief Judicial Commissioner Meredith, the hearing of the case of James Barron v. David Barron, of Angelville, Goresbridge, County Kilkenny, was resumed.

The plaintiff claimed (1) that he was entitled to an undivided share of part of the lands of Grange Lower, containing about 81 acres, and of the stock, crops, chattels and effects thereon, and to have such shares ascertained; (2) An order for administration of the personal estate of Andrew Barron, deceased, and of his real estate in so far as it consisted of freehold registered land under the direction of the Court. (3) All such accounts, inquiries, and directions as may be necessary or proper for the foregoing purposes or any of them. (4) Costs of the action.

After legal arguments, the Commissioner adjourned the case for the purpose of looking into certain cases which had been cited, and to consider the question of the share of the property to which the plaintiff was entitled.

Mr. John O'Byrne (instructed by Mr. P. Kearney, solicitor) was for the plaintiff. Mr. Bacon (instructed by Mr. J. J. Duggan, solicitor) was for the defendant.

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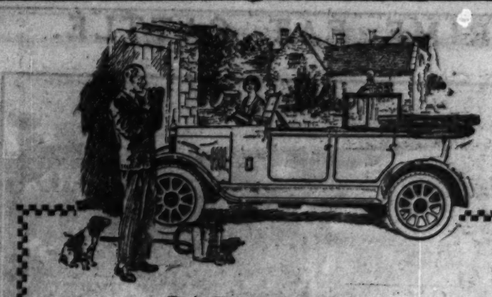
DOWN WOMAN'S WILL.

In the Northern King's Bench in Belfast, before the Lord Chief Justice, an action was heard in which the plaintiffs were Bernard Fitzsimmons and Peter King, and the defendants Thomas M'Evoy, Bruce Bell, and Rosena Gray. The plaintiffs claimed to be executors of the last will, dated 17th February, 1923, of Rose M'Mullan, of Ballyvaston, Co. Down, spinster.

The defendants, Thomas M'Evoy and Bruce Bell, had entered caveats against the will, and sought to prove wills dated 18th August and 12th November, 1922, of which they alleged they were executors; while the defendant, Rosena Gray, had entered a caveat alleging that she was next-of-kin of the deceased.

By the will which plaintiffs sought to prove the deceased left a farm of land, on which licensed premises were situate, to Hugh Cunningham, Ballyvaston, farmer, for his life, with remainder to his children, and certain other bequests. According to the terms of the other wills she left to Rosena Gray, her niece, who resides in New York, all her property, subject to small legacies to other relatives. The net real and personal estate was sworn at £1,209 14s.

The Lord Chief Justice found for the will of the 17th February, 1923, and that Mrs. Gray be entitled to her costs out of the estate, and that the plaintiffs should also get their costs out of the estate. Mrs. Gray's costs were fixed at £150.



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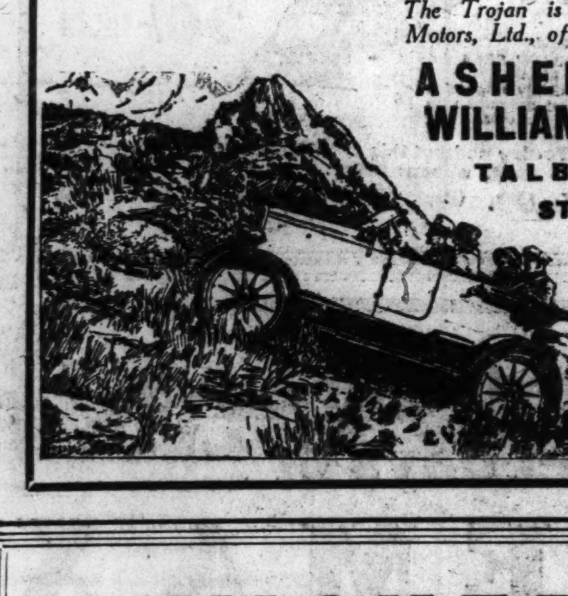

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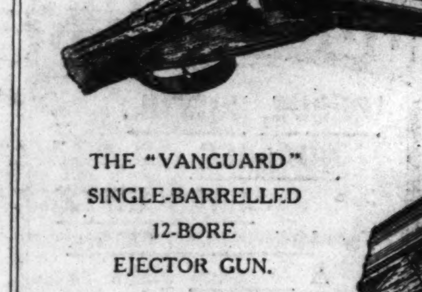

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A CRUCIAL QUESTION.

DOES OUR FARMING PAY?

Not many farmers will feel sorry when the year 1923 expires. A sigh of relief may indeed escape from many who have experienced the fluctuations of uncertain social conditions—now happily clearing—and of erratic and too often unprofitable markets. Not that the sigh of relief will inevitably precede a smile of welcome to the unknown conditions, only to be revealed as the year 1924 unfolds itself. Another sigh, one of apprehension, may not improbably arise from these farmers, who, without exact figures to prove their continuously accumulating losses, are more firmly convinced as each winter approaches that "farming does not pay." Now, we are no believers in false optimism. If it be certainly true that agriculture in Ireland is, on the whole, being waged—we use the metaphor of warfare deliberately—at a loss, then the first thing to be done is to look the facts squarely in the face. That will not, indeed, solve the problem. Looking him fairly in the face may "lay" a ghost, but will scarcely rout, and may not even intimidate an enemy. Yet it is the first preliminary to a successful encounter. Only, as we hope to show, this business of facing the facts, though it is the farmer's concern, is not his concern solely. It is no less the duty of the whole nation.

Many Enemies.

Now the farmer has many enemies, some of whom, indeed, are his own household and farmstead. But in this article we only propose to consider one of them, that one which we think may prompt a farmer's chief feeling of apprehension in facing 1924: the cost of carrying on. But farm costings are peculiarly complicated, elusive, uncertain; in some degree even incalculable. There can be no hard and fast figure working out to a decimal place or even to an assured five per cent., the proportions between an average farmer's outlay in his farming and his returns from it. The figures we shall here deal with are for illustration and argument, but though we claim no authority for them, they are no mere random guess. From what we read and hear we believe that formers are not getting much more for the bulk of their produce, as compared with pre-war prices, than is comprised in the proportions 7 : 5. We fear those who sell disadvantageously, through lack of proximity to good markets or want of proper organisation, get less. (If any reader can give us authenticated figures on this point we shall be very glad.) But the cost of living is somewhere about 80 per cent. above pre-war cost; thus, the farmer, as consumer, is paying, say, at the rate of 45 : 25; whilst as producer he is selling at the rate of 35 : 25. This drop of 10 points or so in 25 would, of course, so cripple him that he would have to go out of business, were it not that he does not need to purchase all he consumes, and that he is able to exist on his capital, some of which, being invisible, disappears gradually without the loss being acutely realised.

The Farmers Income and Outlay.

Now the second of these barriers between farmers and bankruptcy—for that in fact is what they are—must wear thinner each year that foreign competition, unemployment in these islands and the resultant drop in the price of farm produce, relatively to the cost of producing it, remain as they are now. How soon this gradual attrition of agricultural capital will cease to be negligible we cannot say, but it is to-day all the more dangerous because the land can be overworked, ill-worked (or too cheaply worked) without crying out to the nation about its wrongs. The sole effective lessening of this evil of buying in a dear and selling in a cheap market to which the farmer is subject is that, in virtue of the fact that he raises food, he can partly feed himself. Is this, then, an adequate compensation for his losses? If that portion of his purchasing power which is expended in production, as distinct from living, were expended at, say, the same rate at which his selling price is increased (7 of to-day against 5 in July, 1914), it possibly might, but not probably. What, however, is the fact? The cost of the farmer's materials, labour, machinery, and overhead charges have all gone up to a point varying, we believe, from 70 to 90 per cent. His rent, indeed, has fallen, but his rates have soared.

We think an index figure taking account of all these charges would work out beyond the index for general cost of living prices (80); we are convinced it would not fall appreciably below it. Where, then, the farmer is considered as consumer he may—it is doubtful—be a little better off than other consumers; where he is considered as producer he is much worse off, being ground between the upper millstone of increased productive as well as consumptive costs and the nether millstone of relatively decreased productive sale.

A Serious Outlook.

That is not only a serious outlook for him. It is a still more serious outlook for Ireland as a whole. The farmer will not indefinitely continue a game which on every pitch of the coin results in "heads you lose; tails, you lose also." Ireland, so long as she is self-supporting, is potentially a wealthy, as distinct from a moneyed, country, but from two-thirds to three-fourths of our wealth is in our farming. If that should fail, the other third or fourth part of our wealth fails with it. That, not nationalisation of the railways nor any other of the admittedly difficult and urgent problems with which, in common with all nations, we are faced, is the question on which the best brains of the nation must first be expended. The best hope of the farmer for 1924 is that attention is being called to his problem, and when intelligence and energy are directed to it a solution will be—must be—found: some factors towards that solution we hope, from time to time, to be able to discern and discuss in future articles.

WHEAT GROWERS HARD HIT.

Appointed by the President of the United States as special Commissioners to investigate conditions in certain wheat-growing areas, Mr. Eugene Meyer and Mr. Frank W. Mondell, of the War Finance Corporation, have issued a report, dated 5th November. In this it is stated that the economic status of the wheat producer was shown to be fundamentally prejudiced, on the one hand by high cost of production due to increased taxes (including local taxes), increased cost of labour and materials used in production, and high prices of commodities and goods which the farmer buys. On the other hand, the prices realised for wheat, although higher than the pre-war figures, and higher than a year ago, are not sufficient, when increased freight rates are taken into consideration, to maintain the producer on a satisfactory basis.

The report discusses the more important of many plans suggested to the Commissioners for dealing with the wheat situation, and two of these are dealt with at some length—namely, a proposal that the Government should purchase and export "surplus" wheat; and the question of co-operative marketing.

With regard to the purchase of so-called surplus wheat, the proposal, in effect, would mean that the United States Government should be the active agency in a policy of "dumping" American wheat abroad, below cost, to the detriment of foreign producers. The report gives no support to this proposal and points out the many obvious objections to such a policy.

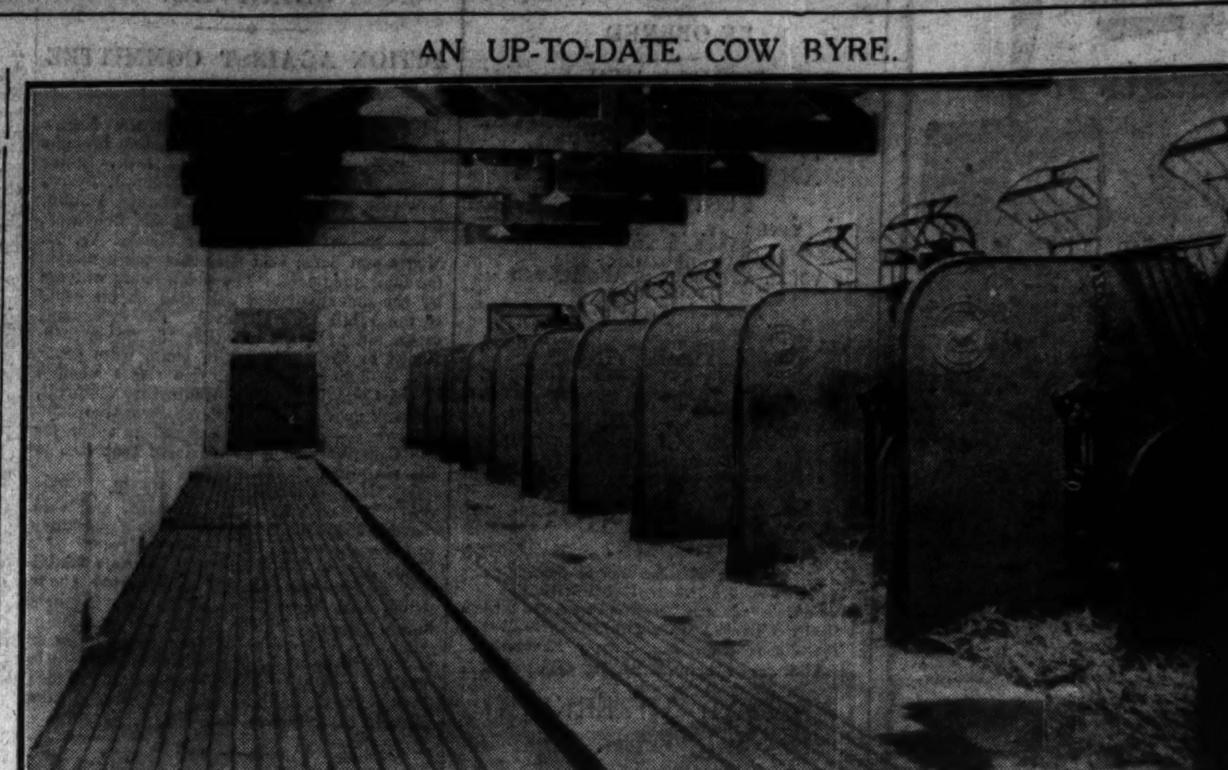
The line which the authors of the report regard as offering the most hopeful solution of the wheat problem in the United States is the adoption of co-operative marketing. This was discussed at the many local conferences which the Commissioners held, and it was generally agreed that the orderly marketing of wheat through soundly-organised and properly managed co-operative associations is an essential and fundamental factor in the ultimate solution of the difficulties of the wheat position.

CANADA AS A GRAIN COUNTRY.

At the Chicago International Exposition, just closed, Canada took 15 out of the 25 prizes for wheat, and 28 out of 35 prizes for oats. Of the prizes for wheat, 22 were awarded to the Marquis variety which won the championship. Canada also captured five prizes for barley. The province of Alberta won all the prizes awarded to Canada for wheat and oats, while Saskatchewan took all the prizes awarded to Canada for barley.

For those about to visit Canada the Canadian Pacific Railway have issued a very useful booklet, copies of which may be obtained on application to the Land Department, C.P.R., Charing Cross, London, S.W. 1.

AN UP-TO-DATE COW BYRE.



An up-to-date cow byre at Sir Gilbert Greenall's, Mount Coote, Kilmallock. With patent feeding and watering arrangements. Fitted with electric light and a milking machine. Note cleanliness.

VARIETY IN PLOUGHS.

TYPES TO SUIT DIFFERENT SOILS.

Ideas of any variation as applied to the process of ploughing seem as few as the opportunities for them appear many.

He who puts his hand to the plough is adjured not to look back, but rather should emphasis be laid upon his need to look very far forward, indeed. Let it be remembered that, in fact, this operation is the foundation laid for the developments of long months to come, and their greater or lesser success—or failure.

Whereas upon one farm one type of plough may fulfil most requirements, upon another a need exists for as great a variety in implements as there is in soil. Farms of a hilly nature are likely to make the greatest calls in this direction, where outcrops or distinct change in strata limit not only the type of plough, but the manner of ploughing.

Light and Medium Soils.

Undoubtedly the simplest processes of all are a medium to light soil, indicating the use of an iron plough, with a fairly short, or even digging, breast. The limiting factors here are, as regards type, mainly confined to friction, lie of the land, and texture, and, as regards method, to weather, climate, and history. The friction associated with light, sharp land is, of course, considerably greater than with heavy, soft land, with a consequent need for even more attention to quality of share, breast, and coulter. Axles and other wearing parts where grease and oil are employed need some protection or enclosing from gritty particles likely to adhere. Another desirable feature is ample and strong means of adjusting the pull horizontally from the plough-head, where two or more horses are working abreast.

Lie of the Land.

Lie of the land brings us to a decision as to whether any "turn wrist" or "one-way" plough will be needed on steep hills, or to keep the root area so prevalent on these soils level for horse-hoeing, "lands" in their office of drainage on such soils being of small account. Texture on the other hand will decide for us whether a disc coulter will act too much as a lifting agency over flat stones, or play the useful part it is intended for.

Methods of Cultivation.

When we come to methods, weather and climate may be bracketed as assisting us in the wet, when heavier soils are impossible to approach; but limiting us in the dry for fear of too great surface exposure, and as having far more grip upon these soils in the form of frost. On the whole, perhaps, greater width and less depth is a common practice upon the very lightest—as much on account of the prevalence of sheep folds, or green crops grown for humus, forming the plough land—as for the probable saving in moisture afforded by a flattish broken furrow, rather than a rectangular one.

The practice of shallow ploughing immediately after sheep, naturally means the interlaying of the manure between the two strotas, should the common practice of a second and deeper ploughing be pursued. This would be as important upon a porous, wasteful soil as the safeguard thus secured against getting the unkindly nature of the heavily trodden land on top.

When ploughing in green crops for humus, a nearly inverted furrow, assisted by a weight dragging in the trough, attached to a chain suspended from the coulter, will help to break the backs, or bend the necks of refractory taller plants, and, thus, submerge them. Multiple ploughs have an advantage upon these soils connected with draught, where horse labour is concerned; their disadvantages in all connections being on account of the difficulty of ploughing in crops evenly, no less than their disregard for all inequalities in the level of the ground surface.

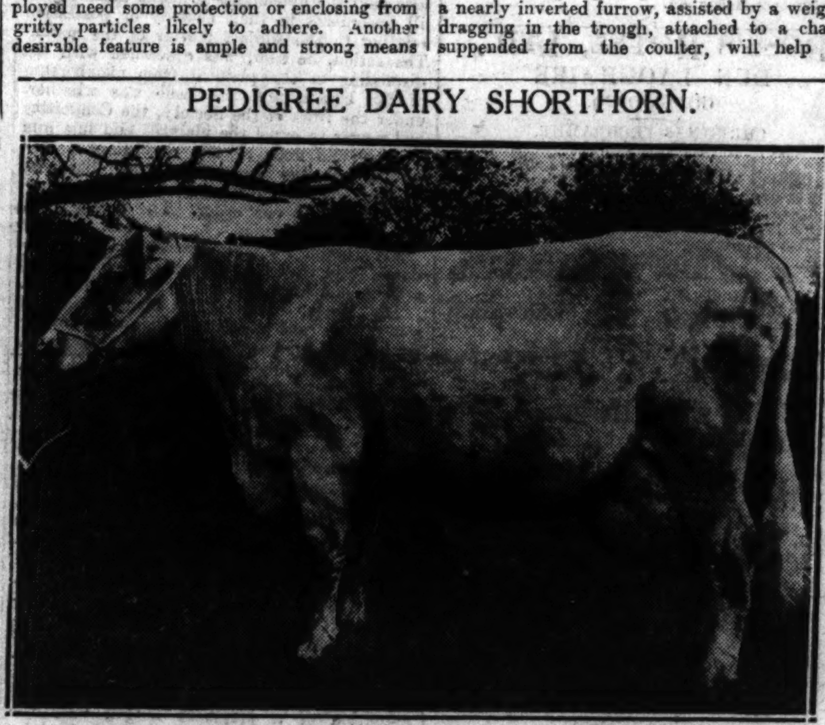
Working Heavy Soils.

Light soils in a dry climate are only, perhaps, surpassed in difficulty of working as arable by heavy soils in a damp climate. As regards principles of cultivation, whereas, with light soils we must oppose and seek to overcome the weather, with heavy soils the mediums of frost and sunshine, wind and rain must be accepted as invaluable allies, the great necessity presenting itself being our readiness to make use of them. Time is everything; opportunity scanty.

High-backed, narrow-width lands are indicated; drainage indispensable. Remembering, further, that there are times when treading is fatal, and that metal is hopeless in contact with real clay when wet, we may assume that turnwrist ploughs are likely to be superfluous, but to be profitably replaced by ploughs having wooden breasts and no wheels to clog. Since, however, "swing" or wheelless ploughing is almost a lost art, these wheels are generally replaced by a single foot running in the furrow.

Again, when iron ploughs are in winter use, seldom are there more than two horses abreast, and generally the extra power is applied in a much dissipated form by horses walking singly in the furrow, which influences one to use a plough having a steel chain coupling directly attached to the bend in the beam where the pull has most effect. Long breasts give a very gradual release, and the slightest turn to the furrow provide least obstacle.

PEDIGREE DAIRY SHORTHORN.



Pedigree Shorthorn Dairy Cow, Barrington Duchess 52nd. She belongs to Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., Kilmallock, has a milk record of 1,200 gallons.

SHOWYARD PERSONALITIES.

Left to right—Mr. George Clark, an Official of the Royal Dublin Society, and Secretary of the Irish Aberdeen-Angus Association. Mr. William McWilliam, Farm Manager for Miss Staples, Dunmore, Durrow, Queen's County.

The Executive of the Co. Meath Farmers' Association has demanded a reduction of public expenditure in the Irish Free State to the extent of ten per cent.

THE GARDEN OF ONTARIO

INTENSIVE FARMING.

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

NIAGARA (By Mail).

In the Northern portion of Quebec, which lies south of the St. Lawrence, the country traversed by the Canadian National Railways resemble very much the congested parts of Connaught, shallow and rocky land, with the heaps of stones on the fields. The crops were generally light, and in many places could never be anything else; but the Canadian French, who occupy this district, are said to be the most contented in the Dominion, and there seems more attachment to the land in this inhospitable region than on the richer and better lands, and less tendency to migrate. Dairying is the principal industry, and the breeds of cattle are chiefly Guernsey, Jersey, and French-Canadian cattle, with a good many Holsteins. Hay is the principal crop for winter feeding, and poultry are pretty generally kept. The farms are mostly small, and the buildings are placed along the road on each side, with the farms running in long narrow stripes behind them, so that the homesteads are near each other, and resemble long strings of villages. The climate is severe in winter, reaching 40 deg. Fahr. below zero, but the country is picturesque, with plenty of timber, which affords large employment in the lumber yards, and this gives a good local market for small produce, such as butter, eggs, and poultry.

Co-operative Marketing.

Quebec has the most wonderful system of co-operative marketing in Canada, and this comes to the assistance of the small farmer. It deals not only in butter and eggs, but also in cattle, pigs, sheep and wool, and all these are graded and sold according to quality. Pigs, of course, are also graded by the Federal Government, but in this case the Government graders act in conjunction with the co-operative officials. The Central Co-Operative Association of Montreal was the original foundation of co-operation in Canada. It first commenced operations with cheese and butter, and gradually extended its scope until it included practically all the products of the farm, and arrangements have been made for co-operative purchasing and supply of agricultural implements, seeds and manures. Affiliated to the Central Society are about 1,800 butter and cheese factories, which last year made a turn-over of 150,000 boxes of butter of 56lbs., and 200,000 boxes of cheese of about 80lb. each, and this is expected to be increased by 50 per cent. next year. The Central Society also conducts large operations on the Montreal stockyards, where all animals are graded before being sold. There is also a large trade in poultry, honey and maple sugar, while the Society has come to the assistance of the small farmers in Gasper to enable them to supplement their incomes by salmon fishing.

The Best Part of Quebec.

In the South-West of the Province of Quebec the land is much more fertile, and rotation tillage is more resorted to with a good deal of roots, and silage cultivation of maize or sunflower; while melons and other fruits from the neighbourhood of Montreal are famous. There are some good shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus herds here, and shorthorn types are more frequently met with on the fields. That quarter is mostly occupied by the descendents of original British settlers, and although dairying is still the main industry the Co-operative Society has not such a hold on the south-west part of the province, a large direct trade being individually done in the supply of cream for United States markets. A good deal of Quebec is still in the hands of the Crown, and unoccupied lands can be had for 55 cents., or a little over 2s. an acre, but improved farms can generally be secured in the better districts at from £5 to £20 an acre, including buildings.

The Premier Province.

Ontario is regarded, and rightly so, as the premier province of Canada. It comprises the Capital, with the Federal Government Buildings and Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa; while the Agricultural College at Guelph, near Toronto, has made a name that is world-wide. Land can be secured here at from 50 cents. an acre in New Ontario or the North, where there are some very fertile places, like the Rainy River district, or from £60 to £100 an acre in the Magara fruit region. That belt, which extends from Hamilton to Niagara, a distance of about 50 miles, may be regarded as the garden of Canada. It consists of a low-lying strip along the lake and river, where the grapes and peaches are mainly grown in the open, and a higher plateau, where the cooler fruits, like apples, pears, and plums, are more general, though peaches are very successfully cultivated there, too.

Peach Land.

There are a good deal of orchard lands between Toronto and Hamilton, but it is from that town to Niagara, on a belt, 1½ to 10 miles wide, that the renowned fruit district of Magara lies. Going by the Canadian National Railway or car you pass a succession of orchards, acres upon acres of richly-laden vines, trained on trellis wires about five feet high, peach trees as large as our biggest apple trees, some of them from 40 to 50 years old, carrying from four to five barrels of luscious, tempting fruit, with that rich bloom familiar only where peaches grow in the open, but impossible to realise by those accustomed only to the hot house or imported article. Plums, cherries, nectarines, damsons, pears and apples are also grown, though the last two are generally to be found on the higher, cooler plateau.

As at Annapolis, in Nova Scotia, most of the fruit is marketed co-operatively, and the largest Association, the Niagara Peninsular Growers, Ltd., at St. Catherine, under the management of Mr. Baxter, shipped 15,000 barrels of apples last year, while they handled 4,000 railway truck loads of all kinds of fruit, including apples, pears, plums, peaches and grapes. A large portion of this trade is done locally, especially for the perishable fruit to Toronto, Montreal and other near centres; but last year the Association shipped 500 carloads of grapes to the United States. All fruit handled by this Society is graded and stamped, and the quality of Niagara-grown is such that the brand fetches a higher price than the ruling standard of the market. The extent of the industry may be realised by the fact that in the district there are a million and a half peach trees, 5,000 acres under grapes, 750,000 plum trees, and 1,150,000 cherry trees, while there are individual apple orchards with 15,000 trees. Pests are severe on account of the warm, dry climate. They have to be closely watched and the trees and vines sprayed four times a year. As in Annapolis, cover-crops are grown for fertilising, but the ground is so valuable that crops of bush fruit or strawberries are often grown between the rows of trees. Fertilisers are used, the most usual being nitrate of soda, applied before growth sets in in the spring. This acts as a stimulant in the dry soil and climate, and it does not seem to promote any rankness of growth in wood.

Intensive Farming.

In South-West Ontario there is a closely-occupied rich agricultural district around the thriving town of London. Melons, pumpkins, grapes and peaches can be grown in the open, and on the farms rotation crops are grown as well as table beans and tobacco. Beans yield about 20 bushels an acre, and fetch from one to 3½ dollars a bushel, according to quality; while tobacco crops range from 1,500 to 2,000 lbs. an acre, and fetches 18 cents, or 9d., a lb. for the dried leaf. Maize is grown both for silo and for grain, and sunflower is taking a large place as an ensilage crop. Grass is a weak point on account of the short, dry season, and it pays better to grow hay crops or ensilage for cattle-feeding than to graze.

Where Cattle Are Fattened.

Though dairying is largely engaged in, there is a good deal of fattening, and Shorthorns, Herefords and Aberdeen Angus appear frequently on the fields. There are some fine pure-bred herds in the district, and the breeding and feeding of pigs and sheep are carried out more extensively than in any other part of the Dominion I have seen. At the Toronto stockyards the sales, exceeding 300,000 head of cattle a year, almost equal the combined sales of all the other stockyards in the Dominion, and prices of beef were ranging from 28s. to 32s. a cwt. The United Farmers' Co-operative Association carry on a large trade here, and all animals passing through their hands are graded. A friend whom I visited in South Ontario said: "When I came out here fifty years ago there was nothing but virgin forest, and we had to clear the ground from trees to build our first house upon it." Now the country is as closely farmed and occupied as most parts of Ireland. Yet, improved farms can be had on reasonable terms, and I saw one of 160 acres, with good residence and barns, within six miles of a railway station, for sale at £1,500, or less than £10 an acre.

COMING IRISH FAIRS.

(FROM FALCONER'S "A.B.C." GUIDE.)

Note.—In places marked (*) a pig fair is held on the week-day previous. Fairs marked thus (b) are for cattle, horses, sheep, and pigs. Fairs not otherwise specified are usually for cattle, sheep, and pigs, or cattle, sheep, and horses.

Thursday, 20th—Ballaghadereen—pigs; Ballinacostello, Mayo; Ballyfarnon, Roscommon; Ballynahinch (b); Ballymoney—c.s.; Claremore (Oughterard), Galway; *Claremorris—c.s.h.; Cloone, Leitrim; Duleek, Meath—c.s.h.; Dunleer, Elton, Limerick; Feakle, Clare; *Goleen, Cork; *Knocknagree, Cork; Knocklong, Limerick—pigs; Newmarket-on-Fergus, Clare—c.s.p.; Newport, Mayo—c.s.; Pettigo, Donegal (b).

Friday, 21st—Cappawhite, Tipperary; Carrigaline, Cork; Castleblakeney, Galway; Castlerea—c.s.; *Castletown-Bere, Cork; Castletownroche, Cork; *Cootehill; Dromara, Down; Enniscorthy (b); Elphin; Eyrecourt; Garvagh, Derry (b); Glasslough, Monaghan; Hacketstown—c.s.h.; Johnstown Bridge, Kildare; Killeter, Tyrone (b); Limerick City—cattle; Lurganboy, Leitrim (b); Markethill, Armagh (b); Moneymore, Derry (b); Mount Talbot, Roscommon; *Oldcastle, Meath; Tullamore—c.s.h.

Saturday, 22nd—Ballaghadereen—cattle; Blacklion, Cavan (b); Carnew, Wicklow (b); Fintona (b); Kells, Meaths—c.s.; Mountcharles, Donegal (b).

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

BIRMINGHAM, Tuesday.—Pigs were in fair supply and trade ruled moderate, with sows on quiet side and values about unchanged. Quotations per score dead weight:—Sizeable bacons 14/-, cutters 15/-, and sows 10/- to 11/-, porkers being up to 17/-.

GRAIN.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE, Tuesday.—There is practically no change in this Exchange. The attendance of the trade is quite nominal, and the show of samples is getting much narrower. Prices for tip-top qualities of grain, especially Co. Dublin lots, where available, maintain a distinct firmness, but for rail arrivals prices are uneven.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Tuesday.—WHEAT—Cargo market fully steady, but business was again kept down. Plate sorts were sparingly offered; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January sellers 43/6; the Antar, 9,500 tons No. 2 ditto, December 6th bill of lading sold 42/9 to London; white Pacific December-January sellers 46/-, Australian December 46/-, January-February 45/3, Rosafe 63½lbs., January-February 43/-, Barusso ditto 42/-, Black Sea December-January 44/6. Parcels quiet but fully steady; No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sold 43/9, December-January 32/6, January-February 43/3, Australian December sellers 45/9, Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 42/-, Black Sea December-January 44/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE—There was no fresh development in this market, recent rates being repeated, but buyers remain indifferent. Cargoes nominal. Parcels of Plate afloat sold 38/6, November-December and December-January quoted 38/-. Gal.-Fox. December-January 37/9, No. 2 American mixed ditto 37/9, No. 6 yellow African 38/- per 480lbs. BARLEY—Market very slow, but sellers equally reserved and trend of prices firm. Black Sea January shipment sellers 31/9, Dan.-Bess.-Kus. December 32/3, Persian February 28/6. Parcels steady, quiet; No. 3 Canadian Western December 30/3, No. 4 ditto 29/6, Karachi 31/6 per 480lbs. OATS—Steady in the case of Plate descriptions, but Canadian disclosed a weaker tone on increased offers by shippers. Plate f.a.q. afloat sellers 20/7½, January-February 20/3, No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 24/-, No. 3 ditto 23/-, No. 2 feed 22/-, Danubian afloat 20/3, Riga f.a.q. December 21/6 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.—WHEAT—With higher quotations from Winnipeg and Chicago and rain in the Argentine, forward deliveries of wheat here showed a fair improvement at the commencement of operations. Then prices receded almost to last night's level in the absence of support, but again improved on better buying, and showed a moderate advance at the finish. C.i.f. parcels of No. 1 Manitoba January-February sold at 43/-, No. 3 December 40/6, arrived 40/7½ to 40/9, Rosario-Santa Fe arrived 43/6 to Liverpool, No. 1 Manitoba arrived 43/9, December 43/6 to Manchester. C.i.f. parcels of maize (River Plate afloat sold 37/3, December-January 37/9, April-May new crop 33/9, and Gal.-Fox. afloat 37/3 per quarter. Wheat on the spot was in only moderate request without material change from Friday last. MAIZE spot parcels in moderate demand at a slight improvement on Friday's prices. River Plate and yellow South African quoted 8/1 to 8/1¼, white African 8/1 to 8/2 and Gal.-Fox. 8/- to 8/0½ per cental. FLOUR quiet at about late rates. Graded red wheat futures, after moderate fluctuations, closed steady at ½d. over last night. Maize options nominally unchanged.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Tuesday.—Irish BACON again moves fairly, while Danish is firmly held, with prices tending against buyers. Canadian Wiltshires quiet, but fairly steady at about late rates. American selections of bacon here are in only moderate request, and prices in some cases are easier, long clear being reduced to 72/- to 74/-, American Wiltshire 63/- to 68/-, and backs 70/- to 77/-, but bellies and Cumberlands steadily held at late currencies, Chicago cables on the whole being of a favourable character. HAMS also quiet and long cut reduced to 90/- to 96/- per cwt. Shoulders quietly steady and unaltered. LARD on the spot is still scarce and prices of American refined are unaltered, but prime steam at 77/6 to 78/- shows 6d. per cwt. decline. CHEESE quiet but steadily held at the recent decline. BUTTER meets a moderate demand at the recent reduction in values, stocks on hand being again in small compass. EGGS easier for Irish hen at 27/6 to 31/-, but Egyptian steady at 11/3 to 11/6 per 120.

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REFINED LARD "FUTURES," Liverpool, Tuesday.—Chicago failed to finish as good as expected, and with less disposition shown to operate here, prices gave way 6d to 9d. per cwt., except current month, which was unchanged during the early session. Sales covered Dec. at 78/9, Jan. 73/6 to 73/3, May 70/3, with February quoted 71/3 to 72/-, and March 70/9 to 72/- per cwt. With easier afternoon cables, values further gave way, closing 1/- to 1/3 lower on the day: Jan. sold at 73/- to 72/9, May 69/9, Jan.-Feb. quoted 70/9 to 71/9, Dec. 77/6 to 78/- per cwt. Weekly settlement prices—Dec. 77/9, Jan. 72/9, Feb. and March 71/3, May 69/9 per cwt.

MANCHESTER, Tuesday.—BUTTER—The demand for butter continued quiet, with Danish finest quoted 222/- to 224/-, Finnish and Swedish 220/- to 222/-, and New Zealand at 216/- to 218/- per cwt. No Irish creameries were available. BACON in better demand at firmer prices. LARD easier; English refined quoted at 82/- per cwt.; American was also lower. CHEESE—Lancashire and Cheshire finest was in slow request at about 1/4 to 1/2 per lb.; Canadian easier, with white quoted 108/- to 110/- and coloured at 110/- to 112/-. EGGS generally scarce; Irish quoted 28/6 to 30/6 and Danish nominal.

MANCHESTER DEAD MEAT, Tuesday.—No official intimation yet received as to re-opening Salford Cattle Market. Supplies of beef at Manchester dead meat market rather smaller. Prices tend upwards. Sheep and lambs steady. General quotations:—Best sides 8½d. to 9d., special choice up to 9½d., seconds 8d. to 8½d. Sheep—Hoggs 1/1 to 1/2, lambs 1/2 to 1/2½, ewes 9d. to 10d. per lb.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE, Tuesday.—Trade for fruit continues disappointing, and imported classes give narrow profits. Jaffa oranges 15/- per case, Valencia oranges 11/6 to 12/6, 18/-, 20/- and 24/- per case, according to count. Black grapes 1/9 to 2/6 per lb., pine apples 3/6 to 4/6 each; barrel grapes 18/- to 24/- and 28/-, Jamaica oranges 16/- to 18/- per case, Tangarines 2/6 to 2/9 per case, American apples 28/- to 30/- and 32/- per barrel, Kieffer pears 32/- to 38/- and 40/-, others getting scarce at 22/- to 24/- and 26/- per case. Irish apples went much as before at sales. There was a big market of vegetables, and sales generally well supported; white turnips, however, were a glut, and scarcely bid for; Swede turnips, too, were a slack sale, and only for a few dairymen buying might have slumped badly. Cauliflowers 1/- to 2/6, 3/6 and 4/- per dozen, sprouts 2/6 to 3/6 per tray, etc., and 3/- to 4/6 per float, etc.; Swede turnips 1/8 to 1/11, and selected to size 2/- per cwt.; white turnips 1d. to 2d. and 3d. per bundle; carrots 1/6 to 2/- and 2/3 per dozen bundles, parsnips 1/3 to 1/6 ditto, and 5/6 to 6/- per cwt.; celery 2/6 to 4/6 per bundle, special 5/- to 6/6 and 7/- per bundle; York cabbage 20/- to 24/-, 30/-, 35/- and 42/-, Savoy 20/- to 43/- and 44/-, artichokes 1/6 to 2/- per float; beet 1/- to 2/- and 2/3, sage 2d. to 6d. per bunch, horseradish 5d. to 8d. per bundle. Cut flowers sold unusually dear. Holly 3d. to 9d. per bundle.

DUBLIN POTATO, Tuesday.—Suitable qualities of table potatoes are very hard to get, especially in quantity just now. Northern arrivals are not in such great favour as usual at this time of year, and only best Skerries are being to any appreciable extent dealt in. Generally in the pressure to effect business quotations indicate a certain weakness in white class tubers. 8/- per cwt. is general town price, but for known prime parcels of Co. Dublin potatoes 8/6 per cwt. is readily obtainable. Shamrocks, 6/- to 7/-; Skerries around 9/- per cwt. Some good sound qualities of potatoes continue to arrive via the Great Southern Railway.

DUBLIN POULTRY AND GAME, Tuesday.—This market was rarely ever before so heavily stocked with Christmas poultry. The chief run of this morning's business was on turkeys, of which supply was simply fabulous from dealers and farmers, and although sales were kept going with active competition by many salesmen scarcely half of arrivals had been overtaken or negotiated by noon. Turkeys figured from 1/5 to 1/10, and for occasional special lots up to 1/11 to 2/1 and 2/2 per lb., geese 9d. to 1/-, and for extra nice quality 1/1 per lb., crammed fowl 1/3 to 1/5 per lb., chickens 1/- to 1/3 per lb., all dead weight; prime fat hens 2/- to 3/- and 3/6 each, fat ducks 3/- to 3/6 each, small 2/- to 2/6 each. Considering the Christmas auspices attaching to sales, the above rates must be deemed very moderate, and are certainly below currencies of recent years, and should permit of reasonable retail shop prices; 3d. per lb. ought to be a paying margin on above to poulterers.

DUBLIN EGG AND BUTTER, Tuesday.—The butter market shows a more pronounced drooping tendency and values are on an easier level this week. Trade, too, is quiet, and supplies are more than ample to cover requirements. Spot prices:—Danish butter, 2/1 per lb.; New Zealand, 2/- to 2/0½ per lb.; prime fresh Irish creams, 1/11½ per lb.; other grades, 1/9 to 1/11 per lb., according to character; factory butter, 1/8 to 1/6; farmers' butter from 11d. to 1/5, and superfine qualities from 1/6 to 1/7 per lb. Eggs are unusually short for this time of year, but seasonable production was checked by recent hard frost, and since then country people have been giving more attention to the turkey and fowl business than eggs, consequently after the Christmas fowl season is over, there may be a considerable accession to egg supplies at this end with a corresponding collapse in prices. For the present, however, supplies are light, but equal to the demand, which is quiet, in face of the high rates and uneconomic value of eggs as food commodity at currencies, which limits the public consumptive demand. For choice case hen eggs prices remain from 30/- to 33/-, and extra selected retail parcels around 35/- per 120. Country smalls and ordinaries from 19/- to 28/6; cold storage eggs, too, are now getting scarce and remain around 19/- to 21/- per 120. Duck eggs show a palpable shrinkage in supply, and are selling firmer at prices getting near in touch with best hens'. Good clean large duck eggs average from 28/6 to 30/-; small and inferior grades scarcely quotable.

BALLYBAY CHRISTMAS MARKET.—Fowl trade was not so good on Saturday. Turkeys fell to 1/8 per lb., geese 7d. to 9d. per lb., fat ducks 3/- each, chickens 6/- to 7/- per pair. General—Eggs 3/3 per dozen, butter 1/9 per lb., potatoes 8d. to 9d. per stone, turnips 1/4 per cwt., grass seed (perennial) 36/- per cwt., oats 1/1 per stone, straw 2/6 per cwt., hay 3/- per cwt.

FERNS.—Turkeys at Ferns (Co. Wexford) Christmas market fetched £4 per pair. One woman received £36 for turkeys alone, and which averaged almost £2 each bird.

CORK BUTTER, Tuesday.—The market continues steady. Choicest salted 220/- per cwt. upwards, creameries 228/-, farmers' fresh parcels 163/-.

DUBLIN FISH, Tuesday.—Moderate fish supply forward from usual sources, including 377 boxes of mixed takes from five steam trawls, also six chests lobsters, and 20 boxes herrings came in. Trade all round good. First pick lobsters 17/6 to 25/- per 13; others 5/- to 12/6 and 15/- per lot average; turbot 1/- to 22/6 and 25/-, brill 6d. to 3/- each, best soles 40/- to 50/- and 60/- per 9 pairs, mediums 25/- to 35/-, slips, etc., 5/- to 10/- and 15/- per lot, best plaice 6/- to 8/- per 4, others 5/- to 8/- per 8, half boxes plaice 50/- to 85/- and 90/-, codfish 40/- to 70/- and 80/-, hake 60/- to 90/-, haddocks 40/- to 55/- and 60/-, pollock 20/- to 30/-, ling 15/- to 25/-, conger eels 20/- to 35/-, white soles 30/- to 45/-, ray 20/- to 30/-, gurnard 5/- to 8/6 and 10/-, whiting 25/- to 55/-, herrings 35/- to 45/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH, Tuesday.—Liberal supply. Demand fair. Soles 14d. to 17d., slips 12d. to 15d. per lb.; live eels 20/- to 33/-, dead 14/- to 25/- per draught; turbot 12/- to 14/-, brill 10/- to 11/-, plaice 8/- to 12/-, halibut 14/- to 16/-, lemon soles 14/- to 17/-, whitches 6/- to 8/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, whiting [illegible] to 5/-, hake 8/-, skate wings 5/- to 6/-, haddocks 5/- to 6/- per stone.

GRIMSBY FISH, Tuesday.—Light supply. Demand fair. Plaice 13/-, lemon soles 20/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, skate 7/-, small haddocks 4/6, kit 6/-, gibbed 8/-, dabs 10/-, codlings 4/6 to 5/6, whitings 3/6, hake 12/- per stone; soles 1/1, turbot and brill 1/- per lb.

LONDON POTATO, Tuesday.—Liberal supplies met moderate demand at late rates. Lincoln King Edwards 7/- to 7/6, Arran Chief 6/- to 6/6, Majestic 6/- to 6/6, blackland King Edwards 6/- to 6/6, ditto Evergoods 5/- to 5/6 and inferior 4/- to 4/6 per cwt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—There was an enormous gathering of hay on our bi-weekly market this morning. In view of the uncertainty of next Friday's supplies and there being no market this day week trade ruled tolerably good, and a steady sell up was accomplished for all useful descriptions of fodder, on which values ruled firm. Straw in fair supply, and cleared freely at quotations:—Choice strong horse hay 5/6 to 6/- per cwt., medium strong hay 5/- to 5/6, choice old meadow 4/9 to 5/2 per cwt., good 4/- to 4/6, other sorts 2/9 to 3/9 per cwt.; straw 3/6 to 3/9 and 4/- per cwt.

Basic Slag, 40 per cent. phosphates, 80 per cent. solubility, and 75 per cent. fineness. A cargo discharging next week. Price £3 9/- per ton ex-ship: £3 14/- free on rail, Dublin. Terms, cash with order. Not less than 6 tons sold. Only a limited amount to offer.—William Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin.—(Advt.)

MANCHESTER TRADE, Tuesday.—Market in its more prominent features shows little alteration to-day. Cloth business on normal lines is quite out of the question, and it is only in certain special cases least affected by cotton fluctuations that anything is possible. Impracticable bids are the rule for both leading and minor outlets. Yarns nominally dearer, and only rarely tested seriously.

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Although feeding stuffs have advanced in price considerably in recent months, they are still on the average relatively cheaper than agricultural produce, which was 53 per cent. above pre-war in November. During last month bran and middlings were 32 per cent. Maize averaged 49 per cent. and meals were [illegible] per cent. above pre-war. Linseed cake was 52 per cent. and cotton seed cake 36 per cent. above pre-war.

AGAINST PROTECTION.

FISCAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE NEED OF CAUTION.

The report of the Fiscal Committee was issued yesterday by the Free State Government. The Committee was appointed on the 15th June last by the Minister for Industry and Commerce in conjunction with the Minister for Agriculture, and its terms of reference were:—To investigate and report—

(a) as to the effect of the existing fiscal system, and of any measures regulating or restricting imports or exports, on industry and agriculture in the Saorstat, and

(b) as to the effect of any changes therein intended to foster the development of industry and agriculture,

with due regard to the interests of the general community and to the economic relations of the Saorstat with other countries.

In the interim reports, which were published on July 27th and October 8th (the report says), the Committee made suggestions for the alteration of the fiscal system, as seemed to them desirable, having regard to the necessities of the public revenue, and the probable effect thereon of alterations of existing duties and the removal of certain prohibitions. The Committee does not feel at liberty to make proposals with regard to the existing fiscal system, which, however desirable in themselves, or likely under other circumstances to be unobjectionable, would involve any considerable decrease in the existing revenue receipts.

MOTOR CAR TAX.

In reviewing the present import tax upon motor cars the Committee has been led to consider the possibilities of encouraging the manufacture of motor cars in the Saorstat and the bearing of the present tax upon this matter. It seems to the Committee that there is a possibility of encouraging the building of bodies for motor cars, as distinct from the manufacture of the chassis, which requires for its economical manufacture a development of the engineering industry upon a large scale.

The former position of the coach-building industry in Ireland might again to some extent be attained if it were made possible, by a revision of the existing tariff, to encourage the building of motor bodies. The Committee, therefore, suggests that, while the present tax upon completed cars should be maintained, a much lower rate of duty should be levied upon the chassis when imported without the body.

The Committee has not presumed to suggest or to forecast a fiscal policy for the country: it has taken its task to be rather that of collecting and analysing facts and presenting them to the best of its ability for the consideration of those with whom the final decision and the shaping of a national policy must rest.

Evidence was taken in regard to the following:—Agriculture, barley and malt, flour-milling, grist-milling, biscuit manufacture, tobacco manufacture, margarine manufacture, confectionery, coffee essences, tea, sugar, woollen manufacture, jute manufacture, wholesale clothing trade, fellmongering, tanning, boot and shoe industry, bedstead industry, cycle manufacture, agricultural machinery, structural steel work, railway rolling stock, galvanised hollow-ware manufacture, electrical goods, motor cars, coachbuilding, furniture-making, musical instrument-making, wood-working, brush-making, comb and rosary bead manufacture, paper manufacture, paper bag-making, the printing trade, colour printing, manufacture of fertilisers, drugs, scientific instruments, etc., glass bottle manufacture, clay pipe making, slate quarrying, Portland cement making, stained glass work, pottery.

TOBACCO TRADE.

In regard to the tobacco trade, the evidence of three witnesses was of special interest, because it was the case of an industry that had already enjoyed what, in substance, amounted to a protected market since the advent of the new Customs system on April 1st.

One effect of the change was that Irish tobacco manufacturers lost their export trade owing to the imposition of an equivalent import duty on Irish tobacco going into Great Britain, and that, whereas their home trade had at first benefited, their industry was now threatened with total extinction, owing to the competition of the Imperial Tobacco Company, which has taken steps to open factories inside the Saorstat. These witnesses complained that the Imperial Tobacco Company was offering higher wages than Irish manufacturers could afford to pay, and that it had a selling organisation which rendered competition impossible.

It would appear that the volume of industry which is anxious to obtain a protective tariff is small compared with that which desires no change in the existing system.

Even the industries that advocated a measure of protection were not in complete accord regarding the articles for which protection was required. In several cases the amount of protection asked for would not give the native manufacturer any appreciable competitive advantage. One disadvantage from which many Irish industries suffer is the difficulty of obtaining raw materials, and the most important source of industrial power cannot be obtained as cheaply in Ireland as in most European countries. The supply of Irish coal is utterly inadequate for the needs of Irish industry, and imported coal can only be obtained at a higher price than it costs in its country of origin.

Another serious disability under which the Irish manufacturer suffers is the lack of supply of skilled labour specially trained for and adapted to his requirements. Practically every witness who appeared before the Committee to advocate the claims of a particular industry to protection asserted that the wages in the Saorstat were higher than in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, and that this higher wage was a handicap upon Irish industry in competition with its British rivals.

WAGES AND EFFICIENCY.

A higher wage (says the report) does not prove of itself that labour costs more, as efficient labour paid at a high wage may be less costly than inefficient labour paid at a low wage. The Committee has received evidence that in many industries there is a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction on the part of employers with the efficiency of labour in their particular industries.

With regard to "dumping," the Committee stated that the witnesses who complained of it did not seem to be aware of, or to have considered, the remedies available under existing conditions; and no adequate protection against "dumping" is afforded by a system of protective tariffs.

A tariff imposed in the interests of one industry may prove extremely injurious to some other industry of equal or, perhaps, greater importance.

The vexation and annoyance caused by the already existing range of import duties suggests the necessity of caution before any additional duties be imposed. An argument frequently urged in favour of protective tariffs is that an increase in the number of persons employed in the protected industries will result. Assuming that this will be so as regards the protected industries, the immediate effect of the tariff upon employment will be different if it be imposed in normal times from that which it will be during a period of depression.

POSITION NOT UNIFORM.

A few of the witnesses who appeared before the Committee would have been content with a tariff on a low scale. The majority favoured a tariff of from 25 to 33⅓ per cent., the effect of which would be, in most cases, to put outside competitors at a serious disadvantage. The position of Irish industries in regard to the claim for protection is not uniform. No one desires protection for the main products of agriculture, such as eggs and bacon, or for such exports as beer, biscuits and whiskey. These are at present the main exports from the Saorstat.

An appendix gives a comparative table of the nominal and real wages in certain industries in the Saorstat, Northern Ireland and Great Britain respectively.

The report is signed by the members of the Committee—Professor T. A. Smiddy (Chairman), Professor C. F. Bastable, Professor R. M. Henry, Mr. George O'Brien and Mr. J. G. Smith, and the Secretaries, Mr. T. Barrington and Mr. J. W. Moore.

HEIFERS SHOT IN TIPPERARY.

Three heifers and a bull, the property of Mr. James Carew, postmaster, Rossmore, Co. Tipperary, were shot dead in a field near Mr. Carew's residence on Saturday night. The discovery was made by military on Sunday morning. Shots were heard in the vicinity on Saturday night.

BRIGHTS' PURE CONFECTIONERY, MADE IN Dublin. Sugar boilings in all varieties.—Walter Brights, Ltd., Townsend street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

PROBLEM OF ROADS.

COUNTY SURVEYORS' VIEWS.

Mr. R. Kirwan and Mr. H. O'Reilly President and hon. secretary respectively of the Association of County Surveyors, send a long letter giving the views of their Association on the subject of road maintenance, in view of the recent announcement that the expenditure of a considerable sum on roads is foreshadowed.

The letter states:—

"For their admonition to the local bodies the Ministry have taken the following statement as their text:—(1) The inferior condition into which the main roads of the country have fallen is admittedly due to the totally inadequate return obtained in recent years from the money expended on their upkeep; and (inferentially) (2) provided an adequate return is obtained, the money provided is sufficient to cope with the existing traffic."

The Association regrets that in so important a statement the practical cause of the deterioration of roads should have been overlooked. The sense of security engendered in the public mind by the statement that the present local expenditures are sufficient must be removed.

The letter proceeds:—

"To say that the present inferior condition of the roads is due to an inadequate return in recent years is unfair. The circular overlooks the following admitted causes of road deterioration:—

"(1) The enormous increase in all kinds of motor traffic. This class of traffic has increased at least ten-fold within the past five years.

"(2) The partial stoppage for long periods in some counties, and the complete stoppage in others, of all repairs: first during the Black and Tan *regime*, and again during the recent trouble.

"(3) The non-receipt for the last four years of grants out of the motor taxation funds.

"(4) The allocation of road expenditure not even equal to pre-war amounts when the change in wages is considered.

"(5) The failure of the rate rollection.

"(6) The Government's failure to pay the agricultural grant.

"(7) Delays and difficulties in the supplies of explosives for quarrying.

"(8) The break-down of legal administration, which made it impossible to enforce performance of road contracts, the cutting of hedges, and the acquisition of quarries.

"The problem of adapting roads to carry mechanically propelled traffic (a problem not considered in the circular) has had in other countries to be met by the adoption of more modern methods of road construction at great initial cost, but resulting in a decrease in the annual outlay sufficient to justify the expenditure. The existing local expenditures do not make any provision for dealing with this problem.

"The Association of County Surveyors give warning that, if this new traffic is not dealt with energetically and determinedly by a body of practical and experienced men, the condition of the roads will in a very short time be even much worse than they are now.

"While the wages fixed by the County Councils in some counties are high and the restrictions imposed in places by local labour leaders conduce to extravagance, the complaint that 'the direct labour system as developed in several counties has resulted in altogether unjustifiable overhead charges' applies only to a few exceptional cases. A much more common cause of inefficient supervision is insufficient staffs, especially clerical, having regard to the distances over which the work is spread.

"As a result of the efforts of the Association, the late Minister for Local Government gave an undertaking that a Roads Advisory Committee would be appointed, and he consulted the Association as to the constitution of this Committee. This Committee has now been appointed.

"Whilst the ability of the members composing the Committee and the fact that they properly represent important interests are recognised, the wisdom of excluding the county surveyors is questionable, especially as their inclusion was recommended by a conference representative of the General Council of County Councils, the motor interests, and Labour. The main business of the Committee will be to advise as to the expenditure of a very large sum of public money on constructive work, so that the necessity for the inclusion of experts is obvious."

RECLAMATION OF BOGS.

PROFESSOR PURCELL'S VIEWS.

The Irish Free State Agricultural Commission resumed its inquiry at 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, yesterday, when evidence was given by Professor Pierce F. Purcell on the question of reclaiming bogs. Professor Drew presided.

Pointing out that one-seventh of the country consisted of bog, Professor Purcell drew attention to the fact that, roughly, 1,500,000 acres of red bog in Ireland were still untouched. He suggested that, as this area was almost equal to that of our largest county, it would be of sufficient national importance to investigate the possibility of reclaiming it. Reclamation of bogs admittedly presented difficulties, but these had been overcome on the Continent and also in certain places in both England and Ireland. Bog Commissioners, who made investigations in 1809 and 1814, were fully convinced that the work of reclamation could be made a paying proposition; and he relied on their conclusion that virtually every bog in Ireland could be drained—most of them right down to the bottom—without excessive expenditure.

In Germany large areas of bog had been reclaimed with a view to providing employment and holdings in order to retain a large proportion of the excess population at home. A similar scheme had been suggested in 1918 by the Irish Peat Inquiry Committee, which favoured the idea of planting a colony. He was still convinced that that was the right solution. The Committee's recommendation that about 500 acres of bog might be drained and 100 acres reclaimed was turned down, and, as a consequence, the whole scheme fell through.

Reclamation work, Professor Purcell went on, had been carried on successfully in many parts of Germany, and in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, and Manchester. He did not suggest that an attempt in Ireland should be made straight away on a very extensive scale, but he proposed that a large area of bog should be drained—portion of it intensively—that its surface should be cleared and prepared, and, in order to find out the difficulties, that a large scale experimental bog farm of 100 acres should be worked for four or five years.

In reply to Sir John Keane, Professor Purcell explained that the bogs could be drained without any big scheme of arterial drainage. He suggested that the State should set aside for the reclamation a sum of £100,000.

The Commission then went into private session.

CHRISTMAS COOKERY.

PUPILS' WORK AT KEVIN STREET TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A representative of the *Irish Times* was afforded an opportunity yesterday of seeing examples of the work of the second and third year cookery classes in the Kevin street Technical Institute, Dublin. The instructresses in these classes are Miss K. Semple and Miss M. Cole.

On a large table in one of the rooms were 38 varieties of rich Christmas cakes. The ingredients, which were supplied by the students themselves, were of the best, while the finish and decoration showed much skill on the part of the girls.

The exhibition was a testimony to the thorough training which the pupils receive in the classes.

Yesterday's display was one of Christmas cakes only, but in other departments of cookery in the Institute the same progressive methods are shown.

The utility of the Institute, which is daily and nightly attended by very large numbers of young men and women, is shown by the curriculum, which provides courses of instruction in mechanical engineering and allied trades, electical engineering and allied trades, motor engineering, naval architecture, architecture and building trades, book production and printing trades, applied chemistry, art and art crafts, music, commerce, domestic science, and numerous miscellaneous trades.

The Headmaster of the Institute and head of the School of Electrical Engineering is Mr. William J. Lyon, B.A., A.R.C.Sc. (London).

DAMAGED PROPERTY IN DUBLIN.

CLAIMS HEARD BY THE RECORDER.

The hearing of claims under the Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923, was resumed by the Recorder of Dublin at Green street Courthouse yesterday. The majority of the applications arose out of minor incidents during the street fighting in 1922, and more than one claim was described by the Recorder as grossly exaggerated.

Counsel for the applicants included Captain Redmond, Messrs. Hector Hughes, Joseph O'Connor, M. Maguire, J. Nolan-Whelan and J. Cawley.

Mr. Horan represented the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. F. G. Cole was awarded £100 for damage committed at his house when it was visited by armed men, who sprinkled the hall and lower rooms with petrol and set them on fire.

Father O'Farrell, O.P., was awarded £30 for damage to two large stained glass windows in the apse of the Dominick street Church.

W. G. Butler and Son were allowed £1,250 for damage to premises and loss of stock at Lower Abbey street on the occasion of the mine explosion in the offices of Pathé Frères.

Other claims allowed were:—Thomas Collier and Co., £80, for travellers' skips destroyed in the Granville Hotel; R. G. Bolton, £130, for damage to the premises at 16 Merchants' quay, following the explosion of the mine at the Four Courts; J. J. Bailey, £115, for goods seized by armed men; William Beaten, commercial traveller, £46, for personal belongings destroyed in the Granville Hotel; Morris Abrahams, manufacturer's agent, £45, for goods seized at Cope street; Dundon and Co., £22, for glass broken as the result of the explosion on the night of the Siki-McTigue fight in Dublin; Messrs. Donnelly, Ltd., £150, for bacon, etc., "commandeered" on the morning of April 14th, 1922, by armed men, who gave a "Four Courts receipt"; William Dwyer, Rathmines road, £175, for damage caused by a land mine explosion at Lee's drapery establishment and the loss of a motor van; Mary Clinch, £250, for trench coats seized on three different occasions at 111 Thomas street; John Canty, £100, for damage to his licensed premises at Ryder's row in the course of the fighting in the Four Courts area; Dublin South City Markets Company, £26, for glass broken by bombing; R. B. Philipson, £21, for a motor van taken away and returned later in a broken condition.

A WELL-STOCKED DWELLING.

JUDGE DOYLE AND AN "OUTRAGEOUS CASE."

During the hearing of applications for compensation arising out of the occupation of West Mayo by Republicans, Judge Doyle, sitting at Castlebar, expressed the opinion that in one case the papers should be sent to the Attorney-General.

This was a case in which James Daly, Knockeragh, Newport, claimed £336 for 3,360 lbs. of bacon, 12s. for home-made cakes, 3 sheep at £2 10s. each, 14 lbs. of tea at 2s. 6d., and 42 lbs. of sugar at 8d. per lb.

The applicant swore that these articles were taken by armed men. He was not a shopkeeper, but had these articles in the house.

Mr. Kelly remarked that the applicant was doing a very serious thing.

His Honor—When you are not a shopkeeper it makes it more outrageous. I am inclined to send these papers to the proper authorities.

Mr. Kelly—I intended to ask you to send them to the Attorney-General.

His Honor—I am glad to say that it is not typical of the other cases from this county—it is an outrageous attempt at fraud. He thought that the Minister for Finance would hardly uphold the declaration.

A DESTRUCTIVE BOMB.

Patrick Duffy, Manulla Bridge, claimed £1,350 for damage to his dwelling by a bomb, the destruction of bees and honey, damage to a rabbit warren, the loss of a bicycle, the property of his son, who was forced to leave the country; £550 of the claim was "for being damaged in health by the explosion of the bomb and subsequent excitement."

The applicant's case was that when Manulla Bridge was blown up in July, 1922, two large stones were hurled against his house, damaging it. His rabbit warren, in which there were rabbits value for £500, was destroyed; eleven swarms of bees, which were worth £10 10s. a swarm to him, and 750 sections of honey were destroyed by the gas from the explosion. He saw men digging on the land.

Judge Doyle—What were they digging for?

Applicant—Rabbits, to feed the irregulars.

Mr. Irvine, C.E., who was examined for the Government, said that the two stones referred to by the applicant did not appear to have hit the house. It was not possible for the bees to have been killed by smoke, and the market value of a swarm was 5s. He saw no evidence of digging on the land.

His Honor said that owing to the amount claimed he allowed the case to develop, and now, having fully investigated it, he had no hesitation in describing it as an extremely discreditable case for the applicant. He claimed £1,350, and the most that he could give was £45—if he could give anything at all—and, no doubt, it was a case in which he should impound the papers and send them to the Attorney-General. Afterwards His Honor allowed Duffy a sum of £52.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

FORMER CLERK RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

At the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Desmond McCabe, formerly a clerk in the employment of the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society at Limerick, was returned for trial to the County Criminal Sessions charged with the embezzlement of £1,380 belonging to the Society.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor (instructed by Messrs. Cox and Co.) prosecuted, and Mr. W. E. Burne appeared for the accused.

RIFLE FOUND IN HAY STACK

WORKMAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Dr. Anthony Courtney, Coroner, Nenagh, held an inquest at Rearcross, Newport, Co. Tipperary, on the body of John Nolan, aged 49, married, who was shot dead on Saturday evening accidentally by a neighbour named Roger Caples, of Coonmore, in a field where they were digging potatoes.

Roger Caples, who was cautioned by the Coroner, stated that while his father was removing a stack of corn he found a rifle in it, and threw it at the end of the stack. After dinner the witness took up the rifle, and while he was looking at it a shot went off, and Nolan, who was in front of him, fell. He died in about ten minutes. He and Nolan were very good friends.

Corroborative evidence having been given, the jury found that death was due to shock and hemorrhage, and they exonerated Caples from all blame.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.

A scientific meeting of the Royal Dublin Society was held at Leinster House, Dublin, yesterday, under the presidency of Professor E. Werner. Communications were received from Mr. N. G. Ball, Professor H. Ryan, Mr. J. Keane, Mr. T. Kenny, Mr. P. J. Drumm and Mr. N. Cullinane. The papers were of a purely technical character.

THE SIEGE OF DERRY.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry yesterday celebrated the 235th anniversary of the shutting of the gates of Derry. They assembled on the walls and marched to the Cathedral, where a Service was held. Afterwards they paraded the city and the walls, and in the evening a huge effigy of the traitor Lundy, which had been suspended from the Governor Walker Memorial Pillar, was burned in the presence of thousands of citizens.

At the Service in the Cathedral, the Rev. W. Fleming said that by God's help and the firmness, loyalty, and self-sacrifice of their leaders and people, they in Northern Ireland had held their place in the Empire. The enemy still hammered at their gates, but their answer was the world-famed reply of Derry's defenders, "No surrender."

BELFAST HARBOUR.

£112,230 TO BE SPENT ON IMPROVEMENTS.

The Belfast Harbour Board yesterday sanctioned the undertaking of further works at a cost of £63,230. Added to the sum already authorised, this makes a total of £112,230 for expenditure on improvements.

Mr. W. E. Williams, D.L., Chairman, said—During the past year or two our trade has shown a gratifying increase, both as regards the tonnage of ships visiting the port and the quantity of goods passing over our quays. The experience of the last twelve months in particular has brought home to us the need of providing additional accommodation to meet the growing needs of our trade. The tonnage of ships which arrived during the first eleven months of this year has exceeded that of the corresponding period of last year by 205,000 tons, whilst the tonnage of goods is up by 321,000 tons.

Moreover, a change is coming about in the conditions under which our foreign trade is carried. In years gone by we had to provide for a smaller class of vessel bringing here a full cargo, but this has now changed to much larger vessels bringing part cargoes to the port.

We are, therefore, obliged to make provision for ships of a greater size and draught than the average ship which visited Belfast a few years ago. Statistics show that an increasing number of new ships is being constructed, varying from 5,000 to 8,000 tons gross, and it is evident that to-day vessels of 6,000 tons gross tonnage carrying 9,000 tons deadweight are becoming more general for long voyages.

In coming to their decision to go on with these works the Commissioners have had prominently in mind the representations which have been made to them with regard to the need of work for the unemployed.

It is most gratifying that so soon after making a considerable reduction in harbour rates we should find ourselves in a position to proceed with works of this magnitude, and I feel confident that the step we propose to take will be fully justified by its results.

COURAGE.

DUKE'S ADVICE TO SCHOOL-BOYS.

The Governor of Northern Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn, addressing the pupils of the Methodist College, Belfast, at the annual distribution of prizes yesterday, said:—"I should like to give you one ideal to take away with you. It is that of courage. By that I mean that you should show courage in all your work and in all your play, so that you may grow up to take your part in life as courageous men and women.

"I do not mean by courage that you should only show valour in your games and in your amusements. I want you to be courageous in the ordinary spheres of life, and to endeavour always to do that which is right and that which is good.

"Courage is exactly the opposite to selfishness, and as selfishness is one of the greatest sins, it follows that courage is the highest virtue.

"Those of you who are completing your school life and who will shortly embark upon your careers, I would counsel to take just as much care over the little things as you would over the big things. Do that and I think you will find that you will be successful."

ABBEY THEATRE.

"A DOLL'S HOUSE."

Dr. Larchet might have been expected to give a Grieg programme in the intervals at the Abbey Theatre this week, when an Ibsen play is being staged. But nothing of Grieg's would have come so well between the second and third acts of "A Doll's House" as did the first movement of the Schubert symphony when it was played last night. It would be not a bad test of any serious drama to try whether that movement sounded right in the final interval, or, perhaps, whether the last act sounded right after the brooding music. It would test both play and players.

It was right last night. Ibsen's story of the doll-wife was being unfolded with the sharpness of tragic emphasis he meant for it, and at the close of the second act the audience was moved to a deep pity for that flighty little soul, so unready to sustain her suden burden of perplexity, those eyes so confusedly dazzled in the awakening to a fierce light of revelation.

Ibsen's play does not mean all to audiences of to-day that it must have meant to those of a generation ago, when it seemed to stand for then current ideas about the emancipation of women. Sound character-drawing has made it, nevertheless, to be to-day the most moving and best liked of the author's series of social dramas. In spite of social and political movements, there are still to be found the doll-wife, with her liability to the shock of finding that the world is not a play-box; and the husband, on whom the tragedy of the awakening must recoil.

What a part that is of Nora! No one who knows the play will ever expect to see the ideal Nora. Yet one liked Miss Eileen Crowe very well. She worked up cleverly from the chatter of the first act to the moving declaration of her resolve in the last—a very moving performance. Mr. McCormick's Torvald was, as one would have it, self-sufficient, thoroughly competent, till faced with the break-up of a scheme into which he believed he had fitted everything perfectly.

The way in which Mr. Dolan, as Doctor Raull, and Mr. Shields, at Krogstad, took their parts gave one fresh light on these characters and on the motives of the play—and that is saying much for them. Miss Allgood took the part of Mrs. Linde faithfully, but had, of course, no opportunity of extending her reputation.

The children were the most delightful children that could ever have been brought on to the stage in "A Doll's House."

It was a most commendable performance, and people who are fond of "A Doll's House" need not hesitate to see it again at the Abbey this week.

SALE AT OWENMORE, CO. MAYO.

Fair weather favoured the auction at the mansion at Owenmore, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo, the residence of Mr. C. Guy Orme, which commenced on Monday, 10th inst., and was carried through each day up to and including Saturday, 15th inst. There was a very large attendance throughout, with keen competition. Messrs. Battersby and Co., of Dublin, had charge of the sale.

Amongst some of the more important items sold were a Pullman motor car, £165; Bechstein piano, 157 guineas, and Weber pianola, 95 guineas; rosewood bookcase, 35 guineas; mantel mirror, 28 guineas; gilt screen, 10 guineas; diningroom carpet, 35 guineas; wine cooler, 10 guineas; mahogany bureau, 20 guineas; club fender, 16½ guineas; carpet in billiard room, 23 guineas; Axminster carpet, 31 guineas; mahogany sideboard, with mirror back, 49 guineas; rule joint mahogany frame screen, 18 guineas. Excellent prices ruled all through the sale.

"THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE."

The most interesting article for Irish readers in the Christmas number of *The Philatelic Magazine* is entitled "The Harp, the Spirit of Song, and the Governor-General's Frank," from the pen of Mr. F. W. Meredith, the author of "Old Irish Postage Stamps and Franks." Mr. Meredith traces the story of the harp as a national emblem through all its appearances on coins, seals, arms, and stamps down to 1814, when the familiar design with the winged figure ("a species of angelic mermaid," Mr. Meredith very aptly describes her), disappeared. Now we have the harp revived in the frank stamp of the first Governor-General of the Irish Free State. The harp in this case is not surmounted by a crown, nor is it adorned by the winged figure which supported the Irish harp for hundreds of years. The article is both entertaining and instructive, and freely illustrated. There are other articles in this Christmas number of great interest to philatelists.

PARISH AMALGAMATION.

The decision of the General Synod Court of Appeal regarding the appeal of Holmpatrick (Skerries), Lusk, and Kenure parishes against amalgamation was that the appeal was allowed. The decision, as given in our issue of Wednesday last was incorrect.

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THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The curacy of the Union of Rathkeale and Nantenan, in the Diocese of Limerick, is vacant.

The Mission to the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Ireland, Dublin and Cork District, founded in 1883 by the late Rev. Robert Gregg, is appealing for more subscribers to help to forward the Mission's efforts.

The following resolution has been passed by the Committee of the Dublin University Mission to Fuh-Kien:—"We desire to place on record our heartfelt sorrow at the death of our Secretary, the Rev. J. F. Shearman, and our gratitude to God for his many years of faithful service, in which he exhibited the highest qualities of ability, combining careful attention to detail with wise judgment upon wider issues, and we desire to express to his family our sincerest sympathy in their loss."

The Rev. J. Tobias has consented to act as Secretary to the Committee from January 1 next.

In connection with the departure of the Rev. A. P. Armstrong for the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur, a celebration of Holy Communion was held in the Chapel, Trinity College, on Monday morning, at which an address was given by Canon Forrester.

A Gift Day has been held in St. Mary's Parish, Athlone, at which £75 was received in aid of missionary work.

The Very Rev. W. P. Carmody was installed as Dean of Down, the Ven. Dr. Hemphill as Archdeacon, and the Rev. A. W. Barton as Canon in Down Cathedral last Thursday.

The Rev. F. Hatch, who recently accepted the curacy of St. Nicholas', Belfast, has received a presentation from the members of the Church of Ireland Young Men's Society as a mark of their appreciation of his services. His portrait has been placed in the rooms of the Society as a permanent memento of his work.

The tablet erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, to the memory of the late Bishop of Kilmore, will be dedicated after Evensong (4 o'clock) this afternoon. The Provost of Trinity College will give an address.

Twenty-two Chertsey fishermen went fishing in a pike competition; not one fish was caught, so no prizes were won.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1923.

COURT OF APPEAL.—To-morrow at 11.30. Final Appeal—Workmen's Compensation Act, Lynch v. Griffin Co. Court Judge of Limerick.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland to-morrow in the Court of Appeal at 11. Motion—In the matter of an application under the Solicitors (Ireland) Act, 1898. This day:—Lord Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk at 11.30—Taylor, minors.

ROLLS COURT.—In Court No. 2. Actions—Duggan v. Duggan; Verschoyle v. Fenner; Verschoyle v. Bayley. To-morrow:—Action—M'Caffrey v. Brady. This day:—Rolls Chambers (Room 39) at 11—F. M'Donald, decd., Clarke v. Brady, sign cert.; J. Costelloe, decd., Feely v. Costelloe; Kilcreel Co-operative Society, Ltd.; Walsh v. Byrne; J. Godsil, decd., Aird v. Godsil; W. Sullivan, decd., M'Master v. Sullivan; J. M'Carthy, decd., Breen v. M'Carthy; A. J. M. White, decd., Beely v. Maffett; W. B. Forster, decd., Lynch v. M'Mahon; Hawkins Motor Co., Ltd. Before the Assistant Chief Clerk (Room 65), at 11—A. Cronin, decd., O'Meara v. Nunan.

CHANCERY JUDGE.—Before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls in Court No. 2 (at the conclusion of the Rolls List). Action—Everard v. Crinnion. Adjourned Summonses—Companies Act and J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd. Before the Chief Clerk—Companies Acts and Cooraclare Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd.; Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., v. M'Carroll; M'Coy v. Burke; Daly v. Osborne; Findlater v. Minahull; Sand. v. M'Cann; Burton v. Phibbs.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride at 11—Gregory v. Gregory, Franks and Oulton; Gregory v. Gregory, Lipsett and Ramage; Gregory v. Gregory, S. and R. C. Walker and Son; Gregory v. Gregory, Darley, Orpen and Synnott. Master Denning at 11. Exparte Taxations—Lemon v. Mark, E. White; Jones and Lane v. Bex, R. J. Archer; Carew v. M'Carrick and Son, Fitzgerald and M'Cormick; Carew v. M'Carrick and Son, Fenton and Lyons. Master Macnamara at 11—Sparks and Settled Land Acts, T. W. Hardman and Sons; Flood v. Longford Rural District Council, T. W. Delany.

LAND JUDGES.—Mr. Dickinson, Examiner, at 11—J. P. Gervais, settle schedule. At 2—H G Pentreath.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—In Court No. 3, at 11 o'clock. Crown side—Exparte motions. Civil side—Exparte motions. To be Mentioned—Mitchell v. Daly. On Notice—Fallon v. Gavin; Kennedy v. Brown and anor.; Siemens Bros. v. Murphy; Clarke v. Donnelly and Sons; Callaghan v. same; Hughes v. same. Before Master Jackson, K.C. For Thursday, 20th December, at 12 o'clock—The "Freeman's Journal" (1919), Ltd., v. Hearn.

TRIALS BY JURY.—For to-morrow (Thursday), 20th December. To be Mentioned—Barnes v. O'Farrell. For Friday, 21st December. City Appeal. To be Mentioned—Hartney v. McSwiney, applt.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Chief Registrar, at 11 o'clock—Arrangt., pr. dts., E. F. Collins; do., do., J. Cusack; Traynor, vch. ac., E. F. Collins; Lowe, do., do.; Green, pr. dts., W. Noyk; arrangt., do., Little and Cullen; Barden and Murtagh, vch. ac., E. F. Collins; Manthorpe, vch. ac., do.; arrangt., do., ——; Proud, do., Scallan and Co.; arrangt., ac. comp., J. R. Peart; Murphy, vch. ss., Keating and Keating; Gamble, do., W. V. Seddall.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—At Examiners' Chambers. Before Mr. Stubbs, at 11 o'clock—George Bowring (E.C. 6690), dicharge rulings. At 2.30 o'clock—Thomas P. Cosby (E.C. 6286). Before Mr. Leet, at 3 o'clock—Bertram Morrogh Bernard (E.C. 8557), discharge rulings.

BEFORE THE RIGHT HON. THE RECORDER.—At Green street, at 11 o'clock—Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923. Applicants—Mrs. L. Cosgrave; Edinburgh Hotel; Messrs. J. and G. Campbell; Robert McDowell; Daniel O'Sullivan; Joseph A. McMenamin; Frank Dowling; G. V. Maloney; Mary Fogarty; Margaret Lennon; John G. Gogan; Joseph D'Arcy; Mary Donovan; Sean McGarry; Wm. A. Mombrom; Agnes Steeds; James Saraghan; Mary Heron; Blanche S. Howard; H. A. Evans Eustace Bros.; E. F. Elsy; Eason and Son; W. G. Edmonds and Co.; do.; Luke Irwin; Thomas Crosbie; Richard Deane; Agnes Doyle; John Duffy; John C. Duffy; M. Dunne; Jas. T. Dick; R. A. Davidson Margaret Duane; Habie Dodds; Michael Doyle; Rita Dockery; John Dowling; W. and E. Egan; Annie Evans; Dublin Tweed Co.; Patrick Hayden; I.T.G.W. Union; Patrick C. Fagan; G. K. Mooney; John Traynor; Mary Cummins.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS (WINDING UP) COMMISSION.—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner. In Court No. 1, at 11 o'clock. For Hearing—Byrne v. G.S. and W. Railway Co. For Thursday, 20th December. Before the Assistant Commissioner. In Court No. 2, at 11 o'clock. For Hearing—Cunningham v. Dowd.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather, at 5 p.m.—Westerly wind, light breeze; dull and overcast.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Finola, of Cardiff (373 tons register), Captain Kinch, from Havre, with a general cargo, discharging at North Wall; ss. Britta of Esbjerg (672 tons register), Captain Sorensen, with a cargo of general and fruit, discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo.

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The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The report of the Fiscal Committee, which was issued yesterday, is in favour of Free Trade for the Free State.—(Page 5.)

Ballymackey and Aghnameadle Parish Church, Toomevara, County Tipperary, was maliciously set on fire early yesterday morning and badly damaged.—(Page 8.)

Owing to the heavy shipments of bacon, ham, pork, beef, mutton and fowl from Ireland, prices in the London wholesale market are falling.—(Page 7.)

At the trial of a number of Irish Free State soldiers before a District Justice in Tralee yesterday, a remarkable statement by Volunteer Brosnan, recounting Lieutenant Gaffney's alleged connection with the murder of Thomas Brosnan, was read.—(Page 7.)

The report of the Intermediate Education Commissioners for 1922 has just been issued. As the capital funds of the Commissioners have not yet been formally allocated between the two Irish Governments, it has not been found possible to render the accounts for the year under review.—(Page 8.)

The Archbishop of Dublin presided at the annual distribution of prizes at the Alexandra School, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin, yesterday.—(Page 8.)

Yesterday the Recorder of Dublin continued the hearing of claims for compensation arising out of the fighting that took place in the city in 1922.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Forty-eight fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were reported yesterday in England and Wales. All of them occurred in infected areas.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Asquith states that no pact had been made by the Liberals with either of the other two political parties. He declares that he will not lift a finger to keep the Conservatives in office.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The ex-Kaiser's libel action against a Dortmund newspaper resulted in the editor being fined 300 gold marks.—(Page 7.)

The Greek King has been requested to leave the country by the Republicans, who were successful in the elections.—(Page 7.)

An International Convention declaring the Port of Tangier to be neutralised and admitting equality of commercial opportunity for all nations was concluded in Paris yesterday.—(Page 7.)

Free State and Free Trade.

"Publicity," under the Free State Government, is not merely a costly, but a curious, thing. The contents of the final report of the Fiscal Inquiry Committee have been accessible to a number of persons for two or three days; but a copy of the report was withheld from us until yesterday afternoon. The Committee has done its work thoroughly and sets forth its conclusions with scientific clearness and calmness. It was not required, and has not attempted, to frame a fiscal policy for the Free State. It has confined itself to the collection, analysis and presentation of facts, and from these it deduces, not the usual "recommendations," but "certain general reflections." It finds that a policy of Protection would be bad for the economic interests of the *Saorstat* and that the country will thrive most surely and most steadily under the existing system of Free Trade. Agriculture, the country's most important industry, has nothing to hope from Protection and does not demand it. The Irish Farmers' Union, the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, the brewing and distilling industries proffered no witnesses. From the copious and often conflicting evidence of the other manufacturing industries the Committee drew two "general reflections." One is that they would gain less than the nation, as a whole, would lose through protection in the home markets. The other is that the chief enemies of the smaller industries of the *Saorstat* are those of their own household—high transport charges, high wages and, in some cases, defective management and organisation.

We never have been disposed, like the priests of Baal, to cut ourselves with knives for the sake of either Protection or Free Trade. There is nothing sacred about either of them. The question whether Free Trade or Protection is better for a country at any particular stage of its development is entirely a question of expediency. To-day we are quite satisfied that Professor Smiddy, Professor Bastable and their colleagues have made a sound case for Free Trade under present conditions in the *Saorstat*. Agriculture feeds, clothes and houses seventy *per cent.* of our people, and makes most of its profits from its exports. If we had Protection at home, our farmers, while selling in free markets, would be forced to buy all their necessaries, including agricultural machinery, in a protected market, where everything would be dearer than it is now. Furthermore, Protection, by increasing the cost of living, must increase agricultural wages and, therefore, the cost of agricultural production. The farmer would pay more for everything, and at the same time the cost of his exported produce would increase, to the detriment of our paramount industry in the British markets. No benefit that Protection might confer on our smaller industries could compensate the *Saorstat* for the effects of this injury to agriculture. On the other hand, the Committee thinks that tariff walls merely might result in the invasion of the Free State by British manufacturers, who would be very formidable competitors with our own industries in the Irish market.

No doubt, this report will provoke much controversy. Logic does not always command respect in conflicts of material interest. Governments, however, cannot afford to despise logic, and the Free State Government's attitude to fiscal policy will be influenced deeply, we must believe, by the Committee's serene, minute and unbiassed marshalling of facts. In our view, as we have said, the Committee has established an economic case for the maintenance of Free Trade. There is a political case also, which, though it did not concern or affect the Committee at all, is exceedingly important at the present time. Northern Ireland's fiscal policy continues to be framed at Westminster, and it is quite certain that, after Mr. Baldwin's *débacle*, no British Government will touch Protection—at least, for another five or ten years. Every political or economic act that puts the Free State and Northern Ireland on better terms with each other is an act of statesmanship; every act that tends to drive them further apart is an act of folly. Nothing could drive them more hurtfully apart than the results of separate fiscal systems in the two States. So long as Free Trade exists between them none of their present differences ought to be incapable of arrangement. When the welfare of the *Saorstat's* dominant business and the cause of Irish unity are likely to be advanced by the same economic policy, statesmanship will not seek to go farther at the grave risk of faring worse.

Mr. Asquith's Position.

Mr. Asquith's speech at the National Liberal Club yesterday has put an end for the moment to some wild rumours which have been in circulation during the past few weeks in regard to the political complexion of the next British Government. Ever since the general election many people have held that the Liberal Party would follow the example of the old Irish Party and virtually would sell its votes to the highest bidder in the new Parliament. Mr. Asquith denied this suggestion with the utmost vigour. The Liberal Party, he said, was not sent by the people to act as a mercenary army to fight the battles either of Conservatism or of Labour. It was sent to Parliament to uphold great principles, and would refuse to compromise them in any way. In this assertion the Liberal leader was supported by Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon, who were equally emphatic. Mr. Asquith also said that there could be no question of the retention of office by Mr. Baldwin's Government, which he condemned as a "disastrous stewardship." So soon as Parliament meets, he declares, the machinery of the Address will be used to secure a vote of confidence in the present Administration, and the Liberal Party will vote against it. There is no doubt that it will be opposed by Labour; therefore, the early fall of Mr. Baldwin's Government is as certain as anything can be certain in political life. Speculation on the next step is useless; for anything may happen. People are assuming that His Majesty will send immediately for Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who will form a purely Labour Government, and that, as his tenure of office must depend absolutely on the good-will of the Liberals, he will advise the King to dissolve Parliament without delay and will make another appeal to the country. These people forget that the dissolution of Parliament is one of the most valuable prerogatives of the Crown and that His Majesty is under no obligation to plunge the nation into another general election so soon if he can find Ministers who are willing to "carry on" with the present Parliament. If Labour cannot form a stable Government, therefore, or if it is unwilling to concentrate on legislation which will command the support of the Liberals, a Liberal, or even another Conservative, Government is quite possible. Mr. Asquith's speech seems to close the door against anything in the nature of another Coalition. Whatever happens, another general election before the end of next year will be inevitable. In the meanwhile two highly important factors must be considered by all parties. The presentation of a Budget is absolutely essential, and Britain's *prestige* must be upheld in foreign affairs. Foreign affairs are in a very delicate position, and any chopping and changing in the Foreign Office would be deplorable. We believe that, if the three great parties place patriotism before politics, they can agree to the appointment of a more or less "neutral" Foreign Secretary who may be trusted to maintain the British point of view throughout the world.

The New Moscow.

Interesting light is thrown on the condition of affairs in Bolshevist Russia by a census which has just been taken in Moscow under the supervision of Professor Mikhailovski. There was a time when Moscow was the most typically Russian city. It had little or nothing of the polyglot population which is characteristic of cities such as London, New York and even Paris. Moscow was as Russian as Dublin is Irish or Aberdeen is Scots; but that time is no more. The total population of the Russian capital at present is about 1,800,000, of whom only 600,000 are Russians. Nearly one million are Jews, attracted, no doubt, to the city in the first place by the Hebraic domination of the Soviet Government and also by the lure of "easy" money. Then there are 32,000 Chinese, whose exploits in connection with Trotsky's "Cheka" have gained them world-wide notoriety; 24,000 Poles and 74,000 Armenians. The remainder of some 50,000 is composed of the rag-tag-and-bobtail of Europe and Asia—the offscourings of every capital city in the world. So this is Moscow! One can imagine the feelings of the Russian people who have been forced to watch the rise of this rabble in their ancient capital. They have starved and suffered the pangs of mental and physical torture while Moscow, with its Soviet legions, has made merry and grown fat. The day will come when Russia will demand a fearful reckoning. For six years she has groaned under a most hideous tyranny, and the end is not yet; but it must come. No nation with Russia's history can continue to tolerate the Muscovite *régime*. No people which could produce a Tolstoi and a Dostoieffsky within a generation will bow its head for ever to the yoke of cosmopolitan cut-throats.

The Call of the Sea.

The British tradition of courage on the waters was well exemplified by those hundred seamen who sang "Yes, we are leaving the Armagh," to a tune just now very popular, while awaiting rescue from their wrecked and broken liner at the Mersey mouth. While the people of these islands love the sea we need never despair of them. Book-sellers are reporting that one class has escaped the disfavour into which "war books" have fallen—those relating to sea-warfare. This shows that the deeds of the Navy unfailingly command all the glamour of romance for races whose history is the history of the sea. The sea is the oldest and most inexhaustible of story-tellers. Nations in their virile days are strong upon the sea; but, when sea-power passes and the people shrink from voyaging, decline and fall are near. The people of these islands still cherish their maritime tradition; they watch the squadron that is circumnavigating the Empire with the pride which their forefathers felt in Drake. From the days when Irish evangelists ventured in their frail craft over the waters to Iceland, down to yesterday when Irish lads helped to man the iron defenders of these coasts, Ireland, like her sister island, has bred great scorners of the perils of the deep. It will be a sad day when—if ever—Irishmen will look up at their rough-hewn figure of Nelson, where their fathers put him, lifted among the bright Northern stars, without feeling that he stands for a proud, common possession of these islands. May it never be said of the adventurous spirit of the seas that from it "the people of the *Saorstat* have travelled far."

CHORAL SINGING IN DUBLIN.

MISS CULWICK'S SOCIETY.

Lovers of choral music were privileged last night to hear a very fine performance, when a concert was given at the Metropolitan Hall, Lower Abbey street, Dublin, by Miss Culwick's Choral Society. The choral part of the programme was relieved, and additional attraction given to the concert, by the delightful performances of Madame Borel (soloist soprano) and Miss Rhoda Coghill, Mus.B. (pianoforte soloist). Miss Culwick's choir of some ninety male and female voices gave an account of itself which was worthy of the best traditions of the Society. It was finely disciplined, and answered Miss Culwick's *bâton* with the most sensitive response.

Out of a performance so uniformly good it is difficult to select individual pieces as the best items of the evening. In the two part songs of Brahms, "Nightwatch II." and "The Humpbacked Fiddler," the excellent balance and contrast of the male and female voices received, perhaps, most scope, and the shading was finely wrought. The oneness and fluency of the choir were a notable feature in these as in all the items of the concert, and the rhythm was followed gracefully and with ease, especially in the rollicking, racy melodies of the second song.

"The Twa Sisters o' Binnorie" was the most finished chorus of the evening. Its grave, substantial beauty was impressively interpreted. In division of volume and strength, in interweaving of contrasted and blending melodies, and in delicate expression the unaccompanied singing constituted a fine tribute to the training of the conductor. Other fine items were the Irish melody, "Quick, we have but a second," and the old Scots ballad, "The Wee Cooper of Fife." The rhythmic lilt of both of these was finely expressed.

The playing of Miss Rhoda Coghill, who became a Bachelor of Music (T.C.D.) only yesterday, was graceful and sympathetic. She gave representative selections of Scarlatti, Chopin, Palmgren and Debussy; and her choice, with the exception of the A Minor Etude of Chopin, was admirably suited to her style and finish. She played throughout with great delicacy and refinement; and in the Cradle-Song of Palmgren, which she gave as an encore, her powers appeared at her best. It was a beautifully serene performance, æsthetically conceived and interpreted. In the exquisite tone-picture of Debussy, "*Jardins sous la Pluie*," she was equally delightful. The A Minor Etude of Chopin, however, with its crashing theme and intricate hail of flying notes in the background, requires a more consummate technique, with immense strength and decision of touch, for an adequate interpretation. In the E Major Etude Miss Coghill was able to give all her attention to the task of interpretation, and its slow pleading, worked up into passion, only to relax again, was admirably expressed. The "Pastorale" and "Capriccio" of D. Scarlatti were other very artistic and sympathetic performances.

Madame Borel sang with her usual artistry and excellence. The three French songs, "*La Procession*" of César Franck, "*Nuit d'Etoiles*" of Debussy and "*Ariette des deux Avares*" of Grétry, were the items in which her cultured expression had most appeal. The beautiful decadent poetry of the Debussy song, with its sweet, melancholy melody and tired movement, was an artistic achievement of especial finish; and the Grétry song, grave, rich and mellow, was sung with great charm.

The accompaniments were played with sympathy and restraint by Mr. Turner Huggard.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"The Dop Doctor," 6.45 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, etc., 6.45 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"A Doll's House," 8.15 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Her Mad Bargain."
Metropole Cinema—"The Christian."
Grafton Picture House—"Salome," 1-10.30.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"The Lane that had No Turning."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Girl from Porcupine," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Senate Meeting, 3 p.m.
City Skin and Cancer Hospital, Hume street, 5 p.m.
Wesley College Prize Day, 4.30 p.m.
Dublin Sessions, 11 a.m.

DUBLIN CITY BOUNDARIES.

The letter of the Dublin Corporation inviting representatives to a conference to discuss the extension of the city boundaries was read last night at a meeting of the Kingstown Urban Council, and the Chairman (Mr. J. M. Devitt) said that the matter was a very important one. He suggested that before deciding upon anything, they should consult the neighbouring Councils of Dalkey and Blackrock. The Council unanimously approved of the Chairman's suggestion, and appointed a Committee for the purpose.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

To-morrow Their Majesties' fourth and youngest surviving son, Prince George, will attain his majority. He entered the Royal Navy in 1921, and is enthusiastic about his profession.

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Princess Arthur of Connaught and her son, the Earl of Macduff, will spend Christmas at Sandringham. Prince Arthur of Connaught will not arrive in England till about the middle of January.

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The Queen of Norway has been spending a couple of days at Marlborough House, and has devoted a good deal of time to shopping in the West-End. To-day she will leave London for Appleton House, where she will await the arrival of the King of Norway and Prince Olaf, who left Christiania yesterday for England.

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The Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie, accompanied by the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale, left London yesterday for the West Indies, where they will remain for several months. The Countess of Lonsdale, who was seriously ill and underwent an operation recently, has made an excellent recovery.

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Major-General Lord Cheylesmore left London yesterday for the Riviera to join Lady Cheylesmore at the villa which they have taken for the winter. Lord Arthur Hill has returned to London, after a short stay at Hillsborough Castle. Lady Kathleen Curzon-Herrick has arrived in London from Beaumanor. Sir Horace and Lady Rumbold have returned from Ceylon and will spend Christmas in London.

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Cannes is filling fast for Christmas, and many British visitors are expected by the end of the week. Among those who have already arrived are Margaret Lady Waterlow, the Hon. Violet Biddulph, Major-General Sir Arthur and Lady Scott, Lady Swettenham, Sir William T. Taylor, K.C.M.G., and Lady Taylor; Lady Clerk, Major-General Sir George Stanistreet, Sir Edward Lucas, Mrs. E. Porter-May, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Sadleir-Jackson, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Dowden, Miss Lynch-Staunton, Captain Creagh Jenings, Mr. and Mrs. G. Melville Peel, Mr. and Mrs. George Colville, Colonel and Mrs. T. Wood and Colonel and Mrs. Maunsell.

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Sir William and Lady Joynson-Hicks have left London for Bordighera. Lady Inchcape and the Hon. Elsie Mackay have left Bath and have returned to Glenapp Castle, where Lord Inchcape will join them to-morrow. Miss Grattan Esmonde, who has been in Canada and the United States, returned to England last week.

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Lady Herbert, who was injured while hunting with the Monmouthshire Hounds last Saturday, is the daughter of the late Mr. William Gammell, of Newport, Rhode Island, and widow of Sir Arthur J. Herbert, G.C.V.O., of Colebrook, Abergavenny, brother of the first Lord Treowen. Her son, Captain J. Arthur Herbert, is in the Royal Horse Guards.

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Sir Ralph and Lady Coote have left Deerpark, Leix, and are now living at Palermo, Killiney. Their two sons and Captain Max Coote will be spending Christmas with them.

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Dr. James Ashe has left 19 Merrion square for the Hotel Majestic, Nice, until the end of the month.

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F. O. Stoker has left 23 Westland row for a few days.

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Departures:—Mrs. Carroll Laking, Miss Carroll Laking, Miss P. Carroll Laking, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. T. Condron Flinn, Major and Mrs. Roy Cusack, Mrs. Fogarty, Lieut.-Col. J. O'Dowd Egan, Mrs. A. Sharpe Deane, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Mrs. Jones Nowlan, Miss Jones Nowlan, Miss Dorothy Little, Oliver Fry, Mrs. D. J. Murray.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Ireland. — *Wind north-westerly or northerly, light or moderate; fine; visibility good; colder; frost inland at night.*

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland. — *Wind north-westerly or northerly, light or moderate; fine; visibility mainly good; sea moderate.*

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel; North-West Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides. — *Wind north-westerly or northerly, strong, moderating; fine; visibility good; sea rather rough to moderate.*

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LONDON LETTER.

THE GOVERNMENT'S FATE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

In the opinion of most people, I find, the fate of the Government was signed, sealed, and delivered at the National Liberal Club this afternoon, the respective executioners being Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon. Apparently, the Government is to be defeated on the Address; for, as Mr. Asquith stated, "I will not move a finger to continue and connive at prolongation of the Government's disastrous stewardship." Mr. Lloyd George said little more than that he was in complete agreement with Mr. Asquith, and Sir John Simon, on the same lines, was equally brief. This deliverance was evidently the prime object of the meeting; for nothing else took place, and, consequently, the proceedings must be regarded in some measure as partaking mainly of gesture to show the world that the Liberal Party for the time being is united in one object and purpose—namely, to allow a Labour Government to come into power. Labour, however, can take but small comfort from the proceedings; for it is to pursue its way under the shadow of a Liberal domination, and subject always to the danger of defeat with the aid of the Liberals, if necessary. Mr. Asquith was perfectly correct in his observation on this point. "If Labour was ever to be tried, it could hardly be tried under safer conditions." Really, the meeting of the Liberal Party leaves us much as we were before. Another general election before many months have passed over our heads still seems inevitable.

Cheerful Liberals.

The Liberal Party was in an excellent humour for its great party meeting to-day, and many of its members think that the party holds all the trump cards in the political situation as it is at present. The idea among many members of the party is that, if the present Government is defeated, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald will be invited to form a Government, and will do so, but that his Government will be defeated in the House of Commons at the earliest moment, and the Liberal Government then will be called upon to take up office.

Mr. Asquith's Plans.

Having had a good deal of experience of Mr. Asquith's extraordinary adroitness of language, I am not sure that my friends are not taking a little too much for granted. He will not "move a finger," he tells us, to help the Government to stay in, but will he move it immediately to turn the Government out, or will he preserve an attitude of watchful expectancy until the political situation has become a little more developed? If I were Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, I should not count too confidently on the active assistance at the opening of the session of the man whom a witty Irishman once described as "the Prime Minister who never says 'when.'"

Labour's Task.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has already begun to feel what it is to be a possible Prime Minister; for the extremists of his party are letting him know that they will desire an immediate dissolution of Parliament as soon as possible after it assembles for its first session. This is, however, a demand that is not likely to be granted by the Crown and its advisers. The new Parliament will meet a month after its election, and, since there is no new constitutional issue involved, the expense and trouble of another general election at once are quite unnecessary. It seems certain that Mr. Macdonald himself will take this view and will prefer to retain his present party intact rather than run the possibility of losing a number of his supporters in another election.

Mr. Macdonald and Scotland.

The Leader of the Opposition, probably, was not sorry to shake the dust of London from his feet and get away to the seclusion of Scotland. The Labour Party is a long way from being a happy band of brothers just now. There is scarcely a single point of policy upon which the whole of the various groups in the party are in complete agreement. The trade unions, which have made substantial contributions to the funds, consider that they should have a dominant voice in the counsels of the party, while the intellectuals maintain that it is only since their presence gave strength that the movement has risen to its present authority.

The Greek Crisis.

The new developments in Greece are regarded with disfavour in diplomatic and City circles here, since it is thought that they will have a very bad effect on Greek credit and considerably delay the recovery which it was hoped was steadily progressing. It is thought that the King of the Hellenes probably will go to Rumania with his Queen, the daughter of the King of Rumania, until the situation has become clarified. The King is thirty-three years of age, and succeeded his father, King Constantine, when he abdicated for the second time last year. For many months his position has been uncertain, and a few weeks ago it was reported that he was virtually a prisoner in the Royal Palace.

A Serious Situation.

The situation has become rather serious, because it is impossible to say what effect it may have on Serbia, Rumania and Bulgaria. There is a Republican element in each of those countries, and it is feared that repercussion may bring about an attempt at a rising in sympathy with Greece. The official attitude taken by both Serbia and Rumania is opposed to Republicanism in Greece, and possible intervention by those countries is mentioned. Yesterday their Ministers in Athens made representations to the Greek Government, advocating the continuance of the monarchist *régime*, but evidently in vain. The Queen of Rumania for some time past has been actively engaged in trying to secure the support of the Great Powers for her son-in-law, but it is most unlikely that this country, France or Italy will interfere in the internal affairs of Greece.

The Tangier's Problem.

Great Britain manages now and again to have its little diplomatic triumph, though it is the fashion in some circles to consider that our methods are archaic and without result. The new treaty drafted by the representatives of the Powers on the most intricate question of Tangier was signed in Paris to-day. For something like the past ten years there has been a diplomatic wrangle over this Moroccan port, which once belonged to this country beyond doubt, having been part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza. The time came when this country no longer wished to hold the place, and we withdrew after filling up the harbour and blowing up the mole. In late years France has been developing considerable trade through this outlet for the most productive regions of Morocco.

Britain's Status.

During the time that France has been trading in this way the question of our *status* has been raised time after time, and it is due to the pertinacity and diplomacy of Lord Curzon that a satisfactory result has been attained. A great opportunity for British trade is opened up under the new treaty. Tangier is to be restored and brought up to date as a port. The capitulations will disappear, and British residents will be answerable to the British Court alone. It is thought that the wrangles which have been going on for so long between the conflicting authorities—Italian, Spanish, French and British—will now come to an end, and a new era be opened up for the ancient port.

KING OF GREECE TO GO.

REPUBLICANS' "REQUEST."

DEPARTURE FOR RUMANIA.

A REGENCY.

MONARCH'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

KING George of Greece, son of King Constantine, who died in exile, has received a "request" from the Republicans, who have been successful in the Greek elections, to leave the country.

Direct news from Athens states that a special steamer had been chartered for his departure to-day, but a private message received in London last night stated that he had already left for Rumania with his consort, who is a daughter of the Queen of Rumania.

The papers describe the King's departure as "absence on leave" during the consideration of the Constituent Assembly of the alterations in the present *régime*.

There is talk of the establishment of a regency, and the name of Admiral Coundouriotis is mentioned in this connection.

CABINET'S REQUEST.

CHARGES AGAINST THE DYNASTY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ATHENS, Monday Midnight.

The Cabinet to-night decided to ask the King to leave the country.

"That the Assembly may be able to discuss the *régime* quietly," is the reason given for this decision. The King will give his reply to-morrow.

Events moved swiftly since I cabled earlier in the day.

As the later election results came in it became apparent that the balance was swinging towards the Republicans. The latter, taking courage, at once began to call for the fall of the Dynasty and the setting up of a Republican Cabinet.

In the afternoon a Republican meeting was held, as the upshot of which a delegation of officers waited upon Colonel Plastiras.

The delegation, which included representatives of the provincial garrisons, handed in a resolution setting forth a series of accusations against the Dynasty, which was charged with having caused the national disaster in Asia Minor and with having, owing to the influence of family ties, prevented the timely entrance of Greece into the world war.

The resolution finally proclaimed the fall of the Glucksburg Dynasty to be a national necessity.

The Cabinet met in the evening, with the result already stated.

It is evident from the latest election results that the abstention of the Opposition was by no means general. The Republican leader, Papanastasiu, defeated the Royalist Triandaphyllakos. Generals Pangalos and Kondylis polled nearly nine-tenths of the total votes in Macedonia and Thrace.

Genera Pangalos is expected here at once, and numerous Republican meetings are being arranged in Athens and in various Macedonian centres.

QUEEN'S FAREWELL.

KING'S REPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

ATHENS, Tuesday.

The King's reply to the Government says, in substance, that he will conform to its suggestions, made under pressure from the Army, Navy and the Democratic Party.

Although the King considers that he has kept aloof from politics, he is anxious that the National Assembly should be able to reach an unbiassed decision on the constitutional question, and is convinced that the people will freely express its will.

The Queen to-day received a number of ladies, who bade her farewell.—(Reuter.)

STEAMER CHARTERED.

REGENCY MAY BE OFFERED TO ADMIRAL.

ATHENS, Tuesday.

According to present arrangements, the King and Queen will leave for Bucharest tomorrow by a specially chartered Greek steamer.

This morning's papers give prominence to the King's impending departure, but, thus far, there has been no sign of surprise on the part of the people, probably because the event has long been anticipated.

The question of a Regency is under consideration. Admiral Coundauriotis, who has been staying at Hydra, has been requested to come to Athens, and the Regency will probably be offered to him.

Despite these stirring events life in Athens continues normal, the people being apparently not disturbed by the impending end of the Glucksburg dynasty.

The tone of the Royalist Press is comparatively moderate.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

ATHENS, Tuesday (Later).

The King and Queen will leave to-night in a Greek ship for Rumania. The King will be granted a sum of one million drachmae from the Civil List to defray expenses.—(Reuter.)

[∴This represents nominally £39,700; at the present rate of exchange it equals approximately £4,000.

BRITAIN HOLDS ALOOF.

GREEK GOVERNMENT NOT RECOGNISED.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Tuesday.

Great Britain has no intention of interfering in the Greek crisis. We withdrew our representative, Mr. Lindley, as a protest against the execution of the Constantinist Ministers, and since then we have not recognised the Greek Government, and have not been officially represented in Athens.

Information has been received in London that the King and Queen left last night for Rumania. There is no question of their being in personal danger.

It is assumed that the next step to be taken will be the holding of a plebiscite to determine the future of the Monarchy.

It is denied that either the British or the French Government has attempted in any way to bolster up the tottering Monarchy. The present crisis is not likely to cause our Government to change its attitude towards Greece. There is a feeling that the period of unsettlement in that disturbed country is not yet over, and it will be difficult to re-establish Greek credit on a firm foundation.

BRITISH FARM APPRENTICES FOR AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The arrival of the Ballarat contingent makes a total of twelve hundred British farm apprentices who have been brought out. Eighty per cent. of them are with their original employers. The demand for British apprentices continues, as they are of the type that is wanted, and the Minister of Immigration states that the Government assures them a fair deal.—(*Times* telegram.)

CHRISTMAS FOOD.

FALL IN LONDON PRICES.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS FROM IRELAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Tuesday.

A fall in Christmas food prices in England, and particularly in London, has resulted from the resumption of exports from Ireland.

Three weeks ago Irish shippers resumed their exports of bacon on a scale approaching their pre-war volume, and this week they are sending pork and turkeys for the Christmas market in approximately 1914 quantities. The sequel in the London Wholesale Market is a lower range of prices for bacon, ham, pork, beef, mutton, turkeys, etc., which should be reflected in cheaper prices in the shops.

At Smithfield Market to-day dealers declared that there should be enough turkeys for all, and possibly a further drop in prices before the end of the week. Wholesale prices of best English turkeys were 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. a lb. and 2s. 9d. to 3s. a lb. for 20lb. birds; second quality English were 1s. 6d. to 2s. a lb.; Irish were 1s. 6d. to 1s. 10d. a lb.; Normandy, 1s. 10d. to 2s. 3d. a lb.; turkeys from the South of France and Hungary from 1s. 4d. a lb.; English geese were 1s. 3d. a lb., and Dutch 1s. 1d. a lb.; English chickens, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 6d. a lb.; Surrey capons, 1s. 6d. to 2s. a lb.; English ducks, 1s. to 1s. 4d. a lb.; English wild rabbits, 7d. a lb. Dealers stated that, with sausage pigs selling now at 6d. a lb., there was no longer any justification for selling sausages, as some retailers did, at 1s. 3d. a lb.

How these wholesale prices were reflected in the retail trade was shown by a visit to Leadenhall Market, in the City of London. Turkey prices ranged from 1s. 3d. to 3s. a lb., geese from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 9d., English chicken from 1s. 6d. to 2s. a lb., ducks 1s. 6d. to 2s. a lb., hares 6s. to 7s. each, pheasants 14s. to 15s. 6d. a brace, English wild rabbits 2s. each, and Ostend 1s. 2d. a lb.

In the turkey trade there are some speculators who, remembering the scarcity and high prices in the closing days before Christmas, are wondering whether turkeys will advance in prices before the end of the week. They are the optimists of the trade. Others are less confident, and are beginning to resign themselves to a further fall in prices.

CATTLE DISEASE STILL SERIOUS.

48 NEW OUTBREAKS IN INFECTED AREAS.

Forty-eight fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were reported to the Ministry of Agriculture in London yesterday. All came from infected areas as follows:—Cheshire 29, Salop 7, Worcestershire 3, Flint 5, North Riding 2, Northumberland 2, Durham 1, Gloucester 1. These brought the total number of cases up to 1,293.

In some Cheshire districts milk prices have been increased.

The campaign against the disease is now centred in an important conference which will take place at Crewe, when the Ministry of Agriculture's policy will be discussed frankly with the farmers of Cheshire. The Lord Lieutenant of the county, Colonel Bromley Davenport, will preside over the meeting. Sir F. L. C. Floud, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry, and Sir Stewart Stockman, Chief Veterinary Officer, will also be present.

Consequent on an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease at Wrotesley, near Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton Cattle Market will be closed to-day.

MARKET RE-OPENED.

The East Riding Cattle Market at Driffield was re-opened yesterday, free of restrictions. There was a rush for store cattle, which included home-bred and Irish stock.

IRELAND'S IMMUNITY.

LORD WAVERTREE CONVINCED.

A considerable amount of correspondence has taken place between Mr. Thomas M'Dowell, General Secretary of the Ulster Farmers' Union, and Lord Wavertree, in regard to an alleged statement by his lordship that foot-and-mouth disease was rampant in Ireland, and that the Government should prohibit Irish cattle from landing in Great Britain. The Union invited Lord Wavertree to visit Ulster and inspect the conditions there for himself.

Lord Wavertree replied on 1st November last:—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th October. I have not received any proof of the existence of cattle disease in Ireland or Ulster, nor have the Board of Agriculture yet any evidence thereof. The remarks which you quoted were probably an inaccurate allusion to the statement I made as to 1912 and 1914, "when cases were occurring in Ireland." The position of Southern Ireland and Ulster ought not to be taken together. I, personally, still include Ulster as part of Great Britain, and respect in every way their careful system of Government. May I, therefore, as a friend, give you some advice? On account of the disease spreading still, I am inclined to think that the Central Chamber of Agriculture of 28 Westminster Palace Gardens, S.W.1, at their meetings on the 5th and 7th November, will pass a resolution to ask the separate County Councils to forbid the entry of live Irish cattle into their districts, as they did most successfully in 1912 and 1914. I am of opinion that cattle from Southern Ireland shipped to England, although they may be unaffected themselves, and, therefore, able to pass our inspectors, are capable of carrying the disease, if they come from an infected district, and as this part of Ireland has been in a complete state of chaos, it is ridiculous for anyone to say that there is no disease, for nobody knows, and nobody would report a case if there was one. My advice to you, therefore, is to take the same action as the Central Chamber, and ask the councils to act in the same way. Then report the same to the Central Chamber, and ask them not to include Ulster, for the very good reasons that you have complete supervision and are free from disease, and as part of Great Britain you have a good case.

IRELAND FREE FROM DISEASE.

In a further letter, dated 6th November, his lordship wrote:—Since replying to your letter of the 29th October I have had the opportunity of learning that there is no evidence of any trace of foot-and-mouth disease in cattle coming from any part of Ireland, and from researches made in other directions. The general opinion among the experts is now almost conclusive that Ireland as a whole is, with rare exceptions, immune by natural causes from original outbreaks of this disease, and I have much pleasure in myself now concurring in this view.

CORAL ISLAND.

A ROMANCE OF THE SOUTH SEAS.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Birch, formerly a London schoolmistress, who is now on her way to join her *fiancé* on Fanning Island, a small coral island in the Pacific, arrived here yesterday from England on board the Cedric.

She is proceeding from here to San Francisco, where she will board the three-masted schooner, Doris Crane, in which she will make the twenty-eight-day trip to Fanning Island.—(Reuter.)

[∴Fanning, or America Island, has an area of 15 square miles and a population of about 150, and it was annexed by the British in 1889.]

RINDERPEST IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Rinderpest is spreading seriously in Western Australia.

Stringent measures continue to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease to other parts of the Commonwealth.—(Reuter.)

NO COMPACT BY LIBERALS.

NO OVERTURES.

MR. ASQUITH'S FIRM DECLARATION.

WILL NOT HELP THE GOVERNMENT.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Tuesday.

Mr. Asquith outlined the Liberal Party's policy at to-day's meeting in the National Liberal Club. He was supported by Mr. Lloyd George. There were loud cheers when Mr. Asquith declared that he would do nothing to assist the continuance of the Government in office, and that the Liberal Party was not going to become the wing or adjunct of any other party. He stated emphatically that there had been no overtures, direct or indirect, with either of the other parties.

At the outset he said that the gathering was intended to be a home-coming of Liberals ready and anxious to join together as one body to reassert their independent existence, and to associate their corporate efforts in the Parliamentary arena.

It had been for years, he remarked, a common piece of Tory rhetoric that he was a back number, an extinct volcano, and an effete and discarded dotard. Mr. Asquith, amid laughter, said that it was an exhilarating experience to find himself now acclaimed in the same quarters as a potential saviour of society.

Quoting a Biblical phrase once used by John Bright, he added:—"I prefer, and I intend, to dwell among my own people." (Cheers.) I pronounce no opinion on the wisdom or unwisdom of the Government in deciding to meet the new Parliament. Their decision has, at any rate, given the tadpoles and tapirs the time of their lives. They have been revelling in an orgy of speculation; what I may call the political underworld has been, and still is, agog in the presence of a cloud of witnesses.

"What does it all mean? These people seem to imagine that a great Parliamentary party like ours, fresh from the polls, can be treated like a horde of mercenaries, who move from this camp to that camp, backwards and forwards, at the word of command.

"You were not sent here by your constituents to play the parts of soldiers of fortune in a set of squalid faction fights. You are here, everyone of you, as trustees of great causes and great principles, and yet it is suggested that your first act on coming to Westminster is going to be to enter into a compact, or allow your leaders to enter into a compact, to go over bag and baggage to the enemy.

"There are no limits, either to the clumsiness of those who invent, or the credulity of those who believe, such legends.

"What is the actual state of things at this moment? In the first place, there has been no overture, direct or indirect, official or unofficial, above ground or subterranean, and, to make my denial comprehensive and complete, I must say, either aerial or by wireless. (Laughter.)

"There has been no overture made to me, or to anyone I know, by, or on behalf of, the leaders of either of the two other parties. There has been no overture from me, or anyone on my behalf, or with my knowledge or privity, to either of those leaders. As far as we are concerned they are free. As far as they are concerned we are free. That freedom I intend, as I hope all of you intend, to preserve uncompromised, unfettered, and in complete and unassailed integrity.

"The proposed era of tranquillity held out a year ago by Mr. Bonar Law had been brought to an early end by the deliberate act of his successor. It was from the first a shallow make-believe. It had a short run on the political stage, and it was not likely to revive. The General Election had at least settled that. Protection, which was the main plank of the Tory platform, and the capital levy, which was the main plank of the Labour platform, had been rejected with overwhelming emphasis by the voice of the country. Neither the Tories nor the Labour Party had a chance of obtaining even a short lease of office unless they abandoned the principal positions for which they fought in the election.

"Are we not then entitled to say," continued Mr. Asquith, "that our policy is the only one which the electors have not decisively and derisively rejected? From this it follows that it is we, if we really understand our business, who really control the situation. The days of the present Government are, of course, numbered. They will go, and with a short shrift. I know nothing except what I read in the newspapers of the plans and intentions of the Labour Party. It seems to be generally assumed that as the second largest party in the House of Commons, though they number less than one-third of its numbers, they will be allowed to assume the responsibility of Government. Well this may reassure some trembling minds outside, if a Labour Government is ever to be tried in this country, as it will be sooner or later, it could hardly be tried under safer conditions."

Mr. Asquith added that there seemed to be a good deal of confusion in the public mind on the subject of the power of the dissolution. The dissolution of Parliament was in this country one of the prerogatives of the Crown and a useful part of our constitutional system, of which there was no counterpart in any other country. It did not mean that the Crown acted, or ought to act, arbitrarily, and without the advice of responsible Ministers; but it did mean that the Crown was not bound to take the advice of a particular Minister to put the country to the turmoil of a series of elections so long as it could find other Ministers who were prepared to give contrary advice.

To say that any set of Ministers, and in particular a Minister who was in a minority of less than one-third, was in those circumstances invested with the right to demand a dissolution, was as subversive of constitutional usage as it would be pernicious to the paramount interests of the nation at large.

"What is immediately before us?" he asked. "The Government having resolved to retain office when the new Parliament meets, their first act must be, by the machinery of the Address, to endeavour to extract an expression of confidence from the new House of Commons. The result of that experiment is a foregone conclusion. Their record is an almost unbroken one of impotence and humiliation. At one of the most critical times of all history for the future of Europe they have allowed a whole year to be wasted, and worse than wasted, and they have reduced this country to a cipher in the Council Chamber of the world. For my part, I tell you plainly I will not move a finger to continue or to connive at the prolongation of their disastrous stewardship of our national and international interests." (Loud cheers.)

In conclusion, he said that the situation was without example. The King's Government must be carried on here at home, and the authority of Great Britain must be restored abroad. The Liberal Party would do nothing wantonly to hamper either the one process or the other. They had no intention to indulge in a temper of petulance or to resort to the weapons of faction. They should do their best by every legitimate means to give effect in Parliament to the principles and policy they laid before the electors.

"We are not going to become the wing or the adjunct of any other party," he declared, amid cheers, "and as a first condition of our usefulness we shall, I hope, cherish, and we shall not for a moment compromise or imperil in any direction our unfettered freedom and our unconditional independence."

Mr. Lloyd George, who was received with loud cheering, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Asquith for what he described as "the very wise speech which he has delivered to us as the leader of a united party for our guidance under the most difficult conditions with which a party has ever been confronted."

Referring to a statement that Mr. Asquith and he met last night to endeavour to patch up their differences, Mr. Lloyd George said that they met a week ago, and neither a week ago nor yesterday did they patch up their differences, because they had none to patch up.

"I am in complete agreement with the policy laid down by Mr. Asquith," he continued. "I think it is prudent. I think it is the only safe course for Liberalism to pursue, not merely in the interests of the party, but—what is much more important—in the interests of the country as a whole."

Sir John Simon, who seconded, said that he found himself in hearty agreement with both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George. The fact that the Liberal Party to-day really represented the judgment of the country threw upon them a great responsibility, and they would best discharge that responsibility in the spirit in which Mr. Asquith had led them that afternoon.

Mr. Asquith, in reply, said that the gathering was a very good omen and augury for the future. There was no rift in the party unity now. There was no discordant opinion and no dissentient voice. The reason was that they were united, first of all, in defence of the great cause of Free Trade and, what was even more important, in the preservation of the great tradition for which the Liberal Party had made infinite sacrifices in the past.

TANGIER QUESTION SETTLED.

PORT PERMANENTLY NEUTRALISED.

MIXED COMMITTEE OF CONTROL.

The Foreign Office last night issued a summary of the new International Convention signed in Paris yesterday by representatives of Great Britain, France and Spain for the administration of Tangier.

The summary recapitulates the long efforts of Great Britain to secure the permanent neutralisation of this, one of the principal gateways into Africa and the East, and the equality of commercial opportunity for all nations. Agreement on the question was nearly reached when the late war intervened.

There was a preliminary meeting of experts last October to examine the changed conditions of the question. This was followed by the negotiations now successfully concluded.

By the Convention the permanent neutrality of the Tangier zone is categorically assumed, together with economic equality. The capitulations will be suppressed and natives made justiciable to European courts. The Sultan will be represented by a Mondoub for native administration, but the Government of Tangier will be otherwise in the hands of a Committee of Control and an International Legislative Assembly consisting of twenty-six members—Four French, four Spanish, and three British, the other signatories of the Act of Algeciras, who are invited to adhere to the Convention, being also represented.

Provision is made for representation in the Assembly of Mussulmans and Jews. The Assembly will nominate all the administrative officers, but for an initial period of six years the administrator, owing to preponderating interests in that country, will be French. The two assistants will be British and Spanish, the former having charge of financial matters.

The Debt Control Board, formerly holding the Customs and Shereefian Government lands at Tangier in the interests of French holders of the Moorish loans of 1904 and 1910, will disappear. The Shereefian Government have, however, guaranteed the interest payable by Tangier on these loans—the Tangier-Fez Railway Bonds and the Tangier Harbour Bonds.

The Shereefian Government will nominate the head of the Customs, but the service will be closely controlled by the International Administration.

The Convention, which provides for genuinely international managament and working of the port, is concluded for twelve years, but unless revised by the contracting parties will continue indefinitely.

SEARCH FOR MAJOR BAILEY.

AN ARREST IN ITALY.

The search for Major Bailey, who is wanted for the murder of his wife at Hove, Brighton (Sussex), continues, and scores of "clues" are being followed up, including a very doubtful one at Belfast.

The police activity has spread to the Continent, and while the Bordeaux police have been unsuccessful in discovering the whereabouts of the Major (they consider it possible that he has crossed the frontier into Spain), the Turin police have arrested an Englishman who has arrived there from Genoa. Reuter's Correspondent says that the British Consul there suspects that the man is Major Bailey, and investigations are being made to identify him.

EX-KAISER WINS.

EDITOR FINED 300 GOLD MARKS FOR LIBEL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
DORTMUND, Tuesday.

Dr. von Heydt, editor of the *Dortmunder General-Anzeiger*, was found guilty to-day of libel against the ex-Kaiser, and fined 300 gold marks.

[The case was fully reported in the *Irish Times* yesterday.]

SNUB FOR THE SOVIET.

UNITED STATES' TERMS OF RECOGNITION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, has replied on behalf of President Coolidge to the Note sent by M. Chicherin suggesting the American recognition of the Soviet.

American recognition, he says, will follow upon Russian compliance with America's terms, which are the restitution of property, the recognition of debt, and the cessation of propaganda—works meet for repentance.

Mr. Coolidge has allowed it to be known that the Huerta rebellion in Mexico will involve no change as regards American recognition, and that the United States will proceed to ratify the Treaty.

As to Europe, the Administration sees a complete change of French policy in the initiation of the new Commissions of Inquiry regarding Germany.

MOSCOW'S POPULATION.

RUSSIANS IN A MINORITY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
RIGA, Tuesday.

According to a census, supervised by Professor Michailovski, in Moscow, for the purpose of discovering the nationality, professions, age, and religious beliefs of the present population, Moscow to-day has a population of only 600,000 people of Russian nationality. Other nationalities far outnumber the Russians, and, according to the report, which is published in the Riga newspapers, there are 971,456 Jews, 32,000 Chinese, 74,145 Armenians, and 24,678 Poles, as well as an additional 50,000 of mixed nationalities.

WIDOWED COUNTESS.

LADY CARNARVON TO MARRY AGAIN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Tuesday.

The *Evening News* learns that a notice of intending marriage has been entered at the Register Office in Princess row, Buckingham Palace road, London, between Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Onslow Dennistoun, Grenadier Guards (retired), and Almina, Countess of Carnarvon, described in the official application as Almina Victoria Marie Alexandra Herbert, widow, aged 47, of 1 Seymour place, W.

The application was made on Monday by Colonel Dennistoun.

Almina, Countess of Carnarvon, has been a widow a little over eight months, the late Earl—joint discoverer of the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen—dying in Cairo on April 5 of this year from poisoning following a mosquito bite.

Before her marriage to the Earl of Carnarvon, the Countess was Miss Almina Wombwell.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dennistoun, who was born in 1877, entered the Grenadier Guards in 1903, and retired with his present rank in 1920. He served as an extra A.D.C. to the Governor of Jamaica, Brigadier-General Sir W. H. Manning, in 1913-14, and became Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General in 1916, retaining that office until 1919.

AMEER'S ARMY ON MARCH.

RESULT OF STERN NOTE.

TRACKING DOWN MURDERERS.

ARMS FOR AFGHANS STOPPED.

A situation of considerable gravity has developed on the North-West Frontier of India.

Recently three British officers were murdered by bands of outlaws who, it is believed, sought refuge across the border.

The British Government intimated to the Ameer of Afghanistan that, unless he took steps to bring the murderers to justice, it would be compelled to "adopt other measures."

In anticipation of these "other measures," all the Englishwomen left Kabul last week, and a quantity of arms and ammunition consigned to Afghanistan was stopped at Bomboy.

Yesterday it was announced that the Ameer's forces were marching towards Jelalabad, where the murderers are supposed to be hiding. This news is regarded as satisfactory and tends to ease the situation.

MILITARY MEASURES.

THE RESULT OF A STRONG WARNING.

Reuter's Agency is informed that satisfaction is expressed in British official quarters at the action of the Amir of Afghanistan in taking military measures for dealing with the murderers of British officers. This is taken to indicate that His Majesty wishes to translate into action the many previous promises made by his Government. Kabul is practically denuded of troops, who have been sent against the murderers.

It has been deemed necessary that, in the absence of satisfaction for the murders of British subjects, the British Government may be compelled to adopt other measures, and as a preliminary step the few white women in Kabul have left for India. These are the wife of Colonel Humphries (the British Minister), the wife of one of the Legation officials, Miss Borland, and an Englishwoman employed in the Amir's service, and Miss Van Coover, an American visiting Afghanistan. They departed from Kabul by motor car last week, and have arrived in India.

MERELY PRECAUTIONARY.

As to other Europeans, there are a great many Germans and a certain number of French and Italians still in Kabul. It has to be observed that there is no indication of danger to foreigners, and that the step taken in recommending women to leave is purely a preliminary political move, which it is hoped, in view of the Amir's latest action, it may not be necessary to follow up.

The present situation is regarded by His Majesty's Government as profoundly unsatisfactory, but, at the same time, the difficulties of the Amir are not lost sight of. The Amir has always expressed horror at the outrages committed, but for various reasons—some doubtless beyond his control—sufficiently drastic steps have not been taken by the Afghan Government. The British Government cannot permit a continuation of the present position, whereby murderers of British subjects remain at large.

The latest news is that the Amir's army is nearing Jelalabad, near which the murderers are supposed to be taking refuge, and developments are expected in a few days. Every step necessary is being taken by the British military authorities to co-operate with the Afghans to bring the murderers to justice.

BASELESS STATEMENTS.

With regard to statements alleged to have been made in an interview by the Afghan Minister in Paris, that Great Britain is endeavouring to deprive Afghanistan of her independence as recognised in the Anglo-Afghan Treaty of 1921, or is planning any invasion of Afghanistan, these are declared to be entirely baseless. The Minister, who was formerly Foreign Secretary at Kabul, is known for his somewhat unfriendly sentiments to Britain.

Apart from the murders of British subjects to which public attention has been directed, there have been other grounds for complaint of the attitude of the Afghan Government owing to its continual interference with the tribes on the British side of the frontier, and in consequence of these Acts, and by virtue of Article VI. of the Anglo-Afghan Treaty, it has been found necessary to stop the passage of arms and munitions until a settlement has been arrived at.

WITHHELD ARMS.

AFGHAN MINISTER'S COMPLAINT.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

Mahmud Tarzi Khan, the Afghan Minister here, told me to-day that the arms held up at Bombay were ordered from a French firm. The value of the whole consignment did not exceed £100,000. They comprised rifles and a few machine guns, but no cannon or explosives.

"They were meant entirely for our police," Mahmud Tarzi explained, "and the frontier, as well as Afghanistan generally, would be safer for them. Under the British Afghan Treaty of November, 1921, England was bound to allow the transit of arms and merchandise to Afghanistan as long as this did not endanger British interests.

As to the frontier crimes, there was nothing to show that the murderers had ever been on Afghan territory; but, even if they had, he could not admit that the Afghan authorities were responsible. There was no extradition treaty between the two States and no obligation of any kind.

"COMMITTEE OF SIXTY."

MEETING IN COLOGNE POSTPONED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COLOGNE, Tuesday.

I am informed that a meeting of the "Committee of Sixty," which was to have taken place in Cologne to-morrow, has been postponed, as the German Government is now negotiating direct with the French Government.

CARPENTIER TO BOX IN AMERICA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

François Descamps will probably take his "stable" to America to work for Tex Rickard, instead of having Carpentier fight Bloomfield in London and Spalla in Milan, as he had been planning, according to his latest announcement.

The prospects of Carpentier meeting Gene Tunney, American light-heay weight champion, in New York next February are beginning to look favourable, and Descamps hopes to sail with Carpentier, Paul Fritsch and Young Sullivan early next month.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S CONDITION.

PARIS, Tuesday.

M. Clemenceau, whose condition continues to improve, was able to get up this morning. Numerous messages hoping for a speedy recovery have been received from the President, the Premier, and others.—(Reuter.)

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

THE HIGH NOTE OF INDEPENDENCE.

The Times in a leading article says:—If there was ever any doubt about the course of events when Parliament meets on January 9 it was finally resolved yesterday by Mr. Asquith's speech and by the unanimous endorsement which it received from his Liberal followers in the House of Commons. Mr. Asquith rejected all idea of a compact to keep the Conservatives in power, and made it plain that the Liberals would take the earliest opportunity of ensuring the defeat of Mr. Baldwin's Government. When the House of Commons has dismissed Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues, it is not open to doubt that the leader of the Opposition will be sent for and that he will form a Labour Government. Beyond that nobody can forecast the future. What, however, the country can do is to keep certain fixed points in mind. Mr. Asquith defined these fixed points as the carrying on of the King's Government at home and the "restoration of the authority of Great Britain abroad." He pledged the Liberal Party to do nothing wantonly to hamper or obstruct either the one process or the other. He insisted, too, that his party could not be treated "like a horde of mercenaries and moved from this camp to that camp, backward and forwards, at the word of command." He disclaimed, at the same time, all knowledge of any overtures for a coalition to or from the other two parties. He struck, indeed, something more than the high note of independence.

He argued that, as the policy of his party was the only one of the three which the electorate had not rejected, it was the Liberals, "if we understand our business," who really controlled the situation. Additional point was given to this tactical observation by Mr. Asquith's definition of the power of dissolution. He laid it down as axiomatic that the Crown was not bound to take the advice of a particular Minister to put its subjects to the tumult and turmoil of a series of general elections so long as it could find other Ministers who were prepared to assume the responsibilities of government. Here is a clear warning which cannot be lightly disregarded in the unparalleled situation in which the three parties will find themselves when Parliament meets. It is also a plain intimation of the new hopes stirring within the Liberal Party. The resources of the Constitution are not exhausted, and can never be if it is applied fairly all round. If the three parties in the new House of Commons owe one duty to the nation more than another, it is to make a sincere effort, without any sacrifice of essential principle, to get the best out of the instrument of government which they have inherited from the accumulated experience of the past.

THE EXPULSION OF A KING.

KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE LEAVE ATHENS.

The Times in a leading article says:—The Palace of Tatoi is vacant once again. The young King George of the Hellenes, who was suddenly called upon to occupy the Throne after the flight of his father, Constantine, a little more than a year ago, left last night, with his Queen, on the steamer Dephne for Bucharest. It is doubtful whether he will ever return. His departure is in the nature of an expulsion. From the first he was barely tolerated by the Revolutionary Government, hastily formed after the collapse of the Greek Army in Asia Minor. A great responsibility rests upon M. Venizelos, who persistently absents himself from Greece, but in present conditions wields there a powerful influence.

What the people of Greece really think of the situation it is impossible to know exactly. The chief concern of Great Britain is that Greece should be at peace, but for the moment all is uncertain. There is no assurance as yet that the expulsion of the unhappy King will not mean an intensification of the miserable strife of Greek factions, with consequences that may extend far beyond what has hitherto been known as the Kingdom of the Hellenes.

PROFESSOR FRANK CLOWES.

EMINENT CHEMIST DEAD.

The Times announces the death at his London residence yesterday, at the age of seventy-five, of Professor Frank Clowes, the eminent chemist and gas expert. Professor Clowes was at one time Professor of Chemistry at University College, Nottingham, and was first Principal of that College. For many years he was chemical adviser to the London County Council, and, more recently, expert adviser in gas supply to the Corporation of London.

LABOUR IN OFFICE.

A POLICEMAN ON EITHER SIDE.

The *Westminster Gazette* says:—Since it must be practically inevitable under a three-party system that Labour should sooner or later form a Government, those who fear what may happen under its rule may be consoled by Mr. Asquith's reminder, that a Labour Government could not be tried under safer conditions than those of the present Parliament. Labour will hold office with a policeman on its either side.

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—The actual result of yesterday's Liberal meeting is very much as we hoped and anticipated. The Liberal Party intends to preserve its freedom "uncompromised, unfettered, in complete and unassailable integrity."

The *Daily Chronicle* says:—For the rest our plan is to preserve the independence and integrity of the party, and to increase its effective strength. We shall best do the latter, not by any alliances, but by visibly treating the successive issues as they arise upon their merits.

The *Morning Post* says:—Liberals proclaim the middle way upon which they are halted as the safe way. But for aught we can see the way leads nowhere. If it leads nowhere, what is the future of Liberalism?

The *Daily Express* says:—A Labour Government is bound to have its turn. If that turn comes in the three-party system of today the country has comparatively little to fear from the destructive Communism of Labour's "Left" wing.

RAISULI DEAD.

Telegraphing on Tuesday, the Tangier Correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says:—Raisuli, the retired Moorish brigand, is dead. It is suspected that his end may have been due to poison.

NEW GAS FOR WAR.

MR. PICKETT'S DISCOVERY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Tuesday.

A luncheon was held in London to-day to celebrate the completion of the work of clearing up the war area in France, on which Mr. F. N. Pickett and a staff of 5,000 have been engaged during the past three years. Ammunition experts acknowledge the value of Mr. Pickett's labours, and he, in acknowledging the toast of his health, indicated that he had made some valuable discoveries during his experiments within the last three years. Amid applause, Mr. Pickett offered his knowledge and discoveries, including a new gas, to the British War Office.

PRINCE'S RUMOURED CANADIAN ROMANCE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.

Prince Valdemar, uncle of the King of Denmark, yesterday sailed for Canada to attend, according to rumour here, the formal betrothal of his son Prince Erik to the daughter of a Canadian lumber magnate. The rumours of Prince Erik's forthcoming engagement have been persistent in Copenhagen for several weeks.

THE SCARTAGLIN MURDER.

FREE STATE SOLDIERS ON TRIAL.

THE SHOOTING OF BROSNAN.

REMARKABLE STATEMENT BY A PRISONER.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
TRALEE, Tuesday.

At Tralee Courthouse to-day, three soldiers of the National Army were sent for trial on a charge of wilful murder. The accused are: Sergeant Michael Shea, a native of Tralee; Volunteer Daniel Brosnan, Castleisland; and Volunteer Michael Shea, address not disclosed.

They were charged with having wilfully murdered Thomas Brosnan, aged 19, who resided with his father, a small publican and blacksmith, in Scartaglin, a village near Castleisland.

On the night of Monday, December 3, the Civic Guard at Scartaglin was visited by armed men, and Sergeant Woods, who was in charge of the station, was shot dead. On the following Thursday night three armed men took young Brosnan from his father's house, and shortly afterwards he was found shot dead on the roadside a few hundred yards away.

On Wednesday, 12th December, the three accused men and Lieutenant Jerry Gaffney, and Volunteers Robert McNeill and James McCusker, all of whom were stationed at Castleisland, were arrested in connection with the murder.

Gaffney escaped from the custody of the Civic Guards at Tralee, and, despite the keenest activity on the part of the police and the military, he is still at large. The country is also being searched for Volunteer Denis Leen, another of the Castleisland garrison, who deserted on the night of December 11th.

BROSNAN'S STATEMENT.

Chief Superintendent Seamus Hannigan, Civic Guard, told the Court that Daniel Brosnan, one of the prisoners, after being cautioned, made the following statement:—

"On Thursday evening, 6th inst., at four o'clock, Lieutenant Gaffney ordered me to get a 'civy' coat. I got it, and at five o'clock he told six of us to get out into the lorry. We got into the lorry, and drove away to Scartaglin. He brought the lot of us around him, and said that if any one of us opened our mouths we would be shot. He ordered me and Volunteer Denis Leen to go to Tom Brosnan's house. Volunteer Leen went in, and I stopped on the road. The father said he was not there.

"Volunteer Leen brought him away down the road, and immediately I heard some shots. So I passed the body of Thomas Brosnan lying on the road. Lieutenant Gaffney was waiting at the cross when we came down. Gaffney, Leen and myself went into the village of Scartaglin.

"We halted about ten yards away from the house, and Lieutenant Gaffney pointed out the house of Thomas Brosnan, and told us that Thomas Brosnan was to be brought out and 'creased.' When he was saying this, he gave his Peter-the-Painter to Leen.

"Lieutenant Gaffney said that if Thomas Brosnan got away he would put as many bullets through us as he would through him.

"I heard about six shots fired. Lieutenant Gaffney stopped us when we had gone a few yards up the road leading to the village, and pointed out the house of Thomas Brosnan. Volunteer Leen, Sergeant Shea and myself and Gaffney were present. Gaffney remained where he was, and the three of us went straight to Brosnan's. Leen went into the shop, and I remained at the door, and Sergeant Shea was behind me. Leen and old Brosnan came out of the shop, and we went down as far as the post office.

"Leen went in and brought him (Tom Brosnan) out, and we then came back to Brosnan's, and Leen went in. I heard him ask young Brosnan for whiskey. Leen and young Brosnan came out, followed by young Brosnan's father, and Leen told the latter to go back. We then proceeded down by the chapel. Leen and Brosnan were about seven or eight yards in front of us. As you meet the main road to Castleisland, we were met by Lieutenant Gaffney and Volunteer Michael Shea.

Volunteer Leen went on ahead with young Brosnan, and I heard about six shots, and proceeding on down the road we passed the dead body, and overtook Leen and went to the car. Lieutenant Gaffney and Volunteer Michael Shea stayed behind, but came on a short time after."

ANOTHER STATEMENT.

A statement made by Volunteer James McCusker was also given in evidence. He stated that, on the orders of Lieutenant Gaffney, he, with the three prisoners, Driver McNeill, Volunteer Denis Leen and the Lieutenant, went by motor lorry from Castleisland to Scartaglin. On the way the lorry was left at Roche's Cross, with the driver, (McNeill) and he (McCusker) in charge. The others were away for some time, and on their return they all drove back to Castleisland. When nearing the latter place Gaffney turned to the others, and said, "Don't speak about the 'creasing' of that fellow, boys."

He (McCusker) asked who they had "creased," and either Volunteer Leen or Volunteer Brosnan replied that it was young Brosnan.

The statement continued—"On Wednesday last, 12th inst., I had a conversation with Volunteer Shea, one of the accused. He said, 'Thanks be to God, I never fired a hot at the man.' Volunteer Shea also said that when they were returning to join the car Gaffney overtook the party down the road. Gaffney said to them, 'I'm after putting two more into him' (meaning deceased)."

A THREAT.

Driver Robert McNeill described the journey to Roche's Cross. He added that on the 11th inst., in Ballymullen Barracks, Tralee, Gaffney told him that something would happen him if he said the car was out the night young Brosnan was shot. Because of that threat he did not make a true statement to his superior officer, who was investigating the occurrence.

EVIDENCE OF MURDERED BOY'S FATHER.

Cornelius Brosnan, father of the murdered boy, was the first witness. In reply to Mr. Liston, State Solicitor, he said that on the morning of Thursday, December 6th, at about 9 o'clock, he left his public-house to go to work in his forge. On the way, he met a soldier, whom they used to know as "Ginger," whose name he since learned was McCusker.

Did you see someone else immediately afterwards? Yes; I saw that man there in the centre of the three in the dock (Volunteer Michael O'Shea).

Did you see anyone else? Yes; a man we knew as Mr. Gaffney.

Was he an officer in the Army? He was a lieutenant or a sergeant or something. He is a limb of the devil, no matter what else he is.

Continuing, witness said that between 6 and 6.30 that evening his son (the deceased) left

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his home in the public-house to go to his grandmother, in the village. Shortly afterwards two men came to the bar, one entering and the other remaining at the door. The man in the shop had a revolver in his hand.

He did not know the man.

The man at the door, who had a rifle, was the prisoner in the dock, Volunteer Daniel Brosnan. The man with the revolver asked for witness's son. When told that he was at his grandmother's, he asked to be shown the way there. Witness accompanied him, followed by the prisoner, Brosnan, and another man, who had been outside the door.

Witness's son came out of his grandmother's, and, with witness and the man with the revolver, returned to witness's public-house. The other two followed. The stranger asked had they any whiskey, and witness's son said that they had not, but he would go out for some. The man said "Never mind," and asked his son to go out for a few minutes, as he wanted to have a word with him. His son walked out, and witness was following when the man said "You can remain there; he will be back in a few minutes."

FINDING THE BODY.

As the lad did not return in a quarter of an hour, witness got uneasy, and went out. The night was very dark and stormy, and, the search proving unavailing, witness went to the Civic Guard station. There Guard Boylan offered to go on his bicycle to report the matter at Castleisland, but witness said that no man could travel on a bicycle on such a night, and both started off to walk to Castleisland together. A short distance from the village they saw, by the light of the Guard's flash lamp, the body of witness's son, lying dead by the side of the road.

Witness then broke down, and sobbed before he was able to state, in reply to Mr. Liston, that his son was 19 years of age, and his only child.

In answer to further questions, he stated that on the evening of December 4th—the evening of the funeral of Civic Guard Sergeant Woods—he saw Lieutenant Gaffney in the village. There were two soldiers with him. One of those soldiers was very like the man with the revolver, who took away his son on the following Thursday night.

Mr. James M. Murphy, solicitor, for the defence—Did you ever before see the man that came into your house, and inquired for your son? I do not remember.

Did you take him to be a man in charge of a party of soldiers? Of course, I did.

Were not you frightened when this man with a revolver in his hand asked you to go out at night to look for your son? Why should I be frightened?

Could you identify the man with the revolver if you saw him again? I would have a very good idea of him.

The third man in the dock (Sergeant Michael Shea)—Did you see him there that night? I did not. I saw him in Scartaglin two days before that.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. William Prendiville gave evidence to the effect that young Brosnan's death was caused by three bullet wounds in the back. The bullets, one of which was fired while the young man was on the ground, passed right through the body.

District Justice Johnson returned the prisoners for trial on the capital charge at the next competent criminal court.

Volunteers McNeill and McCusker were also returned to answer a charge of complicity in the murder.

THE HUNT FOR GAFFNEY.

Not only Kerry, but the whole South of Ireland, is greatly excited by the hunt that is being made to recapture Lieutenant Gaffney. From all sorts of people the Civic Guards are receiving information that the wanted man was seen at various places. A close watch is being kept on the ports and on the six-county border.

Shortly after midnight on Saturday last the Civic Guards stopped a motor lorry near the town of Mallow. Two of its three occupants answered in almost every particular the description of Gaffney which had been sent to all the Guards' stations. The three were arrested, but satisfied the police that none of them was the wanted man. They were, however, detained on another charge.

Gaffney is an unmarried man, 24 years of age, who had considerable service with the Dublin Guards. His home address is given by the authorities as at Amiens street, Dublin.

Leen, the other man "on the run," is a native of Tralee.

No arrest has yet been made for the murder of Sergeant Woods.

It is generally believed that robbery was the motive of the raid on the Guards' station at Scartaglin, for it was pretty well known that the month's pay of the men there was due to arrive on the 1st inst.

Another and a more sensational theory of the murder is pretty freely discussed here. It is based on the belief that there was a woman in the case, and names are mentioned.

ANOTHER ARREST.

From Our Special Correspondent.

TRALEE, Tuesday Night.

Tralee was treated to a new sensation this evening, when a civilian, heavily guarded by Civic Guards and military, was taken to prison in the Civic Guards' station. A rumour spread like wildfire through the town that Lieutenant Gaffney had been arrested.

It transpired, however, that the prisoner is a man named Sullivan, from Kilgarvan, County Kerry, who has been "on the run" for over two months. He was wanted on a charge of having, while armed with a revolver, at Kilgarvan tried to prevent members of the Civic Guards from carrying out their duty. Up to 9 o'clock to-night there was no news of the arrest of Gaffney.

After careful investigation at sources not hitherto approached, I am able to say that, officially, it is not believed that there is any direct connection between the shooting of Sergeant Woods and the murder of the young man Brosnan. Furthermore, I have learned that sensational developments are likely to occur in connection with the report already mentioned that there is a woman in the case. It is stated that Gaffney had been drinking very heavily of late.

ARMED RAID IN COUNTY WATERFORD.

OLD MAN ROBBED.

A robbery under arms took place at Kilbarry, Co. Waterford, on Monday night. Mr. James Power, an aged farmer, reports that at 7.30 o'clock two masked men, armed with revolvers knocked at his door and demanded admission. This being refused they smashed a window in front of the house and entered it. While one man guarded the door his companion rifled the house in search of money. Failing to find any money the man stood over Power and threatened to shoot him instantly if he failed to produce some cash. The old man was forced to hand over £6 10s., all he had in the house.

CURRAGH SHOOTING.

ARMY CAPTAIN WOUNDED.

A National Army captain at the Curragh Camp was seriously wounded by a sentry on Friday evening on failing to answer the sentry's challenge. He was removed to the camp hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

OPERA IN LONDON.

VISIT OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE OPERA COMPANY.

VIENNA, Tuesday.

The final arrangements have now been made for the visit of the Austrian State Opera Company to London next year. M. Franckenstein, Austrian Minister in London, has been requested to engage the Covent Garden Theatre for a period of ten weeks next summer. Some two hundred members of the opera company will take part in the performances, which will be given in May and June.—(Reuter.)

SECRET HOARD OF DOCUMENTS.

UNEXPECTED LIGHT ON BOTTOMLEY'S AFFAIRS.

THE VICTORY BOND DIVIDENDS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday.

A sensational turn has been given to the Bottomley affair by the discovery, in the cellar of a house in Piccadilly, of a secret hoard of documents.

These were in a number of cardboard box files and five dispatch cases, locked up in an old cupboard, and are now in the possession of Mr. R. S. W. Partridge, partner of the firm of Fincham and Partridge, of 3 Warwick Court, Holborn, the trustee in bankruptcy, of the estate.

The *Star* reporter saw them there yesterday. The files are mildewed but otherwise intact. On the outside are various labels, such as "Sunday Publications," "Bottomley's Estate," "Bottomley Private Accounts," "Victory Bond Club."

"So far the documents in these have not been examined," said Mr. Partridge, "so I cannot say to what exactly they refer, or whether they contain negotiable securities or not. A minute examination of every paper will be made at once, and then we shall decide what action, if any, to take."

If securities or documents which might lead to the recovery of the money are found, the question at once arises as to who is entitled to the money thus recovered. If the money were held to belong to Bottomley's private estate, it would help to increase the dividend payable to his creditors; but if, on the other hand, it should be held to have been money paid by members of the Victory Bond Club, it would go to swell the dividend already declared, the payment of which has been proceeding since last October.

Most of the 90,000 subscribers of the club have received their dividends, and it is anticipated that payment will be completed early in January.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dutch Diplomat Dead.—A Reuter's Berne message states that Jonkheer Van Panhuys, the Dutch Minister to Switzerland, died yesterday morning, following an operation.

Fewer Unemployed.—The number of persons registered as unemployed in Great Britain on December 10 was 1,180,200—a fall of 14,520 in the number recorded as unemployed in the preceding week.

Mrs. Starr. — A Reuter's Peshawur message states that Mrs. Starr declares the recent announcement of her engagement to Major Underhill to have been made entirely without her permission.

New £250,000 Bridge.—Newport Corporation decided yesterday to proceed immediately with the construction of a new bridge across the River Usk as a move towards relieving local unemployment. The work will cost £250,000.

Judgment against Financier. — At Manchester yesterday, Mr. Justice Branson gave judgment for the Union Bank of Manchester against Sir William Hopwood, the cotton trade financier, for a sum totalling about £64,000, in respect of guarantees on three cotton mills at Oldham.

£50,000 for University. — A gift of £50,000 has been intimated by the Rockefeller trustees, New York, to Edinburgh University for the erection of a clinical laboratory and the completion of the endowment of the Professorship of Surgery. In their letter announcing the gift the trustees spoke of their personal interest in the medical work of the University of Edinburgh.

Lords uphold Widow's Claim. — The House of Lords yesterday unanimously allowed the appeal of Mary Upton, of Ashton-Under-Lyne, in a claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in respect of the death of her husband, a foreman labourer employed by the Central Railway Company. Upton slipped on a platform, and injured his knee, death resulting. The House of Lords held that death arose out of the employment.

Alderman Granted Divorce Decree. — Judgment in the action for divorce by Alderman Sir Harold de Courcy Moore, formerly Sheriff of the City of London, was given by Mr. Justice Horridge in the London Divorce Division yesterday. The petitioner was granted a decree *nisi*, Lady Moore being allowed her costs. Costs were given against the co-respondent, William Harvey, a chauffeur, a letter from whom to Lady Moore the judge described as the letter of a guilty man.

OBITUARY.

REV. TIMOTHY O'KEEFFE, S.J.

The death of the Rev. Timothy O'Keeffe, S.J., took place yesterday morning at Upper Gardiner street, Dublin. Father O'Keeffe was a native of Limerick City, where he was born in 1840. He received his education in Maynooth College, where he had as one of his fellow-students, Cardinal Logue. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1863, and was professed in 1876. He afterwards was attached to the teaching staff at Clongowes Wood College, and served in a similar capacity at the Jesuit houses in Galway and Limerick.

Some twenty-three years ago he was transferred at the community at Upper Gardiner street, and he remained there until the end. His father was at one time Mayor of Limerick, and his brother was member of Parliament for the city. Another brother is the present Pastor of Rathfarnham.

A Requiem Service will be held at the Gardiner street Church to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

SIR HENRY KIMBER.

Sir Henry Kimber, Bart., who broke his arm by a fall at his home, in Putney, last week, died at about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Sir Henry, who was in his 90th year, was widely known in political circles as having been Unionist member for Wandsworth from 1885 to 1913. He became a solicitor 65 years ago; was Vice-Chairman of the Capital and Counties Bank, and was interested in other undertakings. Sir Henry was created a baronet in 1904. He is succeeded in the title by his eldest son, Mr. Henry Dixon Kimber, a well known solicitor in the City of London, and a member of the Common Council.

MR. W. J. FLEMING.

The death has occurred of Mr. William J. Fleming, solicitor, Mourne View, Lurgan.

Mr. Fleming was educated at Lurgan College, and was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. He was for some years connected with Messrs. L'Estrange and Brett, solicitors, Belfast, and then acquired the practice in Lurgan of the late Mr. David Malcolmson. He took a prominent part in the affairs of Lurgan; was a member of the Urban District Council; Chairman of the Technical School, and Secretary to the Governors of Watts's School (Lurgan College).

Mr. Fleming was a prominent member of the Freemasons' Order, and held a number of important offices. He was secretary of the Lurgan Unionist Association. He leaves a widow and three children.

THE DOWAGER LADY EBURY.

Emilie, Dowager Lady Ebury, widow of the second Lord Ebury, died at Batchworth House, Rickmansworth, yesterday afternoon. She was for some years a member of the Watford Board of Guardians.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL SUCCESSES.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Archbishop of Dublin presided at the annual distribution of prizes at the Alexandra School, Earlsfort terrace, Dublin, yesterday afternoon, the members of the Committee present being—The Dean of Christ Church, Professor Thrift, F., T.C.D., T.D.; Mr. Alfred Purser, M.A., and Mr. R. F. Crook, M.A.

The annual report stated that the number on the roll at the close of the session was 355, somewhat lower than in the previous year, for further flittings North and across the Irish Sea took away pupils who would otherwise have been with them still.

The Alexandra School Exhibitions, value £10 each, five of which were offered, were awarded as follows:—In the Senior School, Division I., Upper, to Amy Conerney; in Division I., Lower, to Kathleen Gill; in Division II., Upper, to Doreen Kent, and in Division I., Junior, to Elizabeth Sides. No candidate qualified for the second exhibition in the Upper First.

The Entrance Exhibition of £10, open to children under 10 years of age entering the Junior School, was awarded to Margaret Wright. The Jellico Memorial Prize of £5 in Latin, Division I., as also the Helen Prentice English Prize of £5, were gained by Amy Conerney, and the Jeanie Turpin English Essay Prize of £1 10s. was awarded to Simone Bavrey.

The prizes in the junior singing classes, given to the pupil showing most attention in the class throughout the session, were awarded to Bertha Dunegan, Mona M'Lachlan, Irene Bayne, and Winifred Whitside.

At the examination held for pupils of secondary schools by the Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the Middle Grade 3 first class, 5 second class, and 16 third class prizes were gained, and 17 pass certificates were awarded. In the Junior Grade, 35 pupils were examined, gaining first place in the grade and silver medal; 3 first class, one second class, and 4 third class prizes; 18 pass certificates were obtained.

At the examination held in September, 1923, at Alexandra College, to award entrance scholarships open to candidates under 17 years of age, first place and Governess Association Scholarship (each £42), second place and scholarships value £30, the two Stearne Scholarships value £20 each, and the Lady Ardilaun Scholarship value £15, for French, were gained by their pupils, in competition with girls who had already passed the Middle Grade. The first place was obtained by Amy Conerney. The Mathematical Prize and French Composition Prize went to Peggy Cairnes, and Doris Jones was also awarded a French Composition Prize. The Stearne Scholarships were won by Maureen Townsend and Edwina Rainsford.

In the Dublin University examination Miss Hazel Hornsby won the Moderatorship in Philosophy and Latin with £40 prize and two medals. The Moderatorship in Legal and Political Science was gained by Miss Thekla Beere. Two Junior Moderatorships were also gained. Miss Muriel Russell, their head girl of 1916, won a Modern Literature Scholarship with first place, and Miss Doreen Spielman won a similar scholarship. Senior scholarships were won by Miss Edna Fitzhenry with first place, and by Miss Enid Thrift.

Having distributed the prizes, His Grace addressed the pupils on the subject of "Work." He said that they all lived in a world the Creator of which was a worker, Whose children they were. In school they were preparing for that great time when they could do their work in the world and for the world.

Browning had said: "Works learned on earth we shall practise in Heaven," which meant, in other words, that if they were faithful in little here they would be faithful in much in the world to come.

Professor W. E. Thrift, M.P., said that the pupils, their parents, and the City of Dublin were under a deep obligation to the Alexandra School, which, he thought, owed its success to the Headmistress and her staff. (Applause.) The work was done with that feeling of real interest in the pupils, who were under a debt of gratitude to their teachers.

He took a deep interest in education, and he sometimes felt when he stood up in the Dail that the members would say: "What is he going to say now about education?" That was not to be wondered at, because if they took the needs of the country there was hardly one of them that did not point to the necessity for better education, whether primary, secondary, technical, or agricultural.

He was not in a position to speak for the Government, but he believed he knew their views as regards education. He believed that the Government recognised the need for improving the system of education, as well as the conditions under which those interested in education carried on their work. He felt that they could look forward confidently to an improvement in the conditions under which secondary teachers worked. The teachers would have to exercise a little patience, however, although he agreed that their case was a pressing one.

The proceedings concluded with the Benediction.

RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

GIRL PUPILS' NUMEROUS DISTINCTIONS.

The annual distribution of prizes took place yesterday at the Rutland High School for Girls, Dublin. Professor R. J. Fynne, Professor of Education, Trinity College, delivered an address, and Mrs. Fynne distributed the prizes.

The annual report stated that the prizes were awarded for successes at the school examinations and the Intermediate examination held last June. Twenty-nine girls passed the Intermediate Examination—ten in Middle and nineteen in Junior Grade. Many special prizes were won. In the Scripture Examinations 56 girls qualified for prizes. Very satisfactory results had also been obtained at the Incorporated Society of Musicians.

They might look forward with hope to the future of Secondary Education, said the Principal, as with the passing of the Intermediate system the schools might expect greater independence and an improvement in the financial position of the teachers as well as of the schools.

Professor Fynne then delivered a brief address, in which he first expressed his pleasure and gratification at the report, which, he said, showed very wonderful successes at examinations and in school work generally. Many mistakes were prevalent regarding education, which did not mean the accumulation of knowledge, and was something far grander than a mere preparation for life. It was an actual and identical part of human life. They were all born with tendencies and potentialities, which made it necessary for them to be put through a process of education, but those were wrong who thought that education could only be obtained in the schools.

It had been said that there were three great agencies of education—the home, the Church, and the school. They would like parents to give practical education in the home, moral, religious, and social, in order to help in the work carried on in the school, which was the only really specialised agency for education.

Mrs. Fynne then distributed the prizes.

DEATH OF MRS. JAMES MOORE.

The members of the Masonic Order in Ireland will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Moore, wife of the Headmaster of the Masonic Boys' School, and for twenty-five years matron of the institution. Twelve months ago the past pupils of the school presented Mr. and Mrs. Moore with substantial proofs of their appreciation of the happy time they spent at Richview, and in an accompanying address gave expression to the feelings of affection and esteem which they entertained for her, who, during their stay at the school, devoted herself so unselfishly to provide for their health and comfort.

The strain of a long school term, followed by the serious illness of two of the pupils, so lowered Mrs. Moore's vitality that she was unable to shake off a complicated attack of pneumonia and asthma, and she passed away on Monday evening, deeply mourned by all who were privileged to know her.

Mr. James S. McMahon, points out that he is not the secretary of the Irish Hockey Union, as described under a photograph in the *Irish Times* on Monday. He is the International match secretary and Leinster branch secretary.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

COMET CONCERT PARTY.—The Comet Concert Party gave an entertainment in St. Catherine's Schoolhouse last night in aid of the funds of the 10th Co. of the Boys' Brigade. The programme was a most varied one, and included contributions by Mrs. H. Saunders, the Misses E. Dagg, E. McIntyre, and Powderley; Messrs. H. Saunders, J. Adams, Gibney, C. S. and H. H. McIntyre (vocalists), and Mr. J. McGrath (instrumentalist). Miss E. Archer was at the piano. There were also concerted items, and the programme gave enjoyment to a large company. The Comet Concert Party has appeared at several entertainments in aid of worthy objects recently, and its efforts, marked by real ability, have been much appreciated.

YOUTHS' ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.—In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Thomas Ward (19), National soldier; Joseph Walsh (19), carter, of Campbell's place, Belvedere avenue, and Patrick Brogan (17), porter, St. Patrick's terrace, Russell street, were further remanded until to-day, charged with conspiracy to rob under arms, and also charged with the illegal possession of firearms.

CHILDREN'S BALL.—Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne will hold their children's ball in their ballroom at No. 27 Adelaide road to-morrow afternoon, from half-past three to half-past six o'clock. The festivities will open with a procession of the children, who will deliver parcels of toys and clothes for the children's hospitals.

HOUSING PROBLEM.—A deputation from the Terenure Workingmen's Building and Improvement Association waited on the Minister for Local Government yesterday, and urged the necessity of providing additional house accommodation for the working classes in the South Dublin Rural District. The Minister assured the deputation that any reasonable proposals embodied in an improvement scheme and put forward by the Rural District Council would receive consideration. The Association was requested to explore every means whereby high building costs could be reduced so that the provision of suitable house accommodation could be assured at prices bearing a reasonable ratio to economic rents.

SCHOOL OF MASSAGE PRESENTATION.—Miss Hogg, the retiring Principal of the Dublin School of Massage, has received a presentation from the pupils and members of the profession. The memento was handed to Miss Hogg by Miss A. L. Allen, the new Principal, who received the good wishes of all for her success.

SS. MAGPIE CONVERTED.—The passenger and goods steamer Magpie, on the Dublin-Glasgow service of the Burns-Laird Line, has been converted from a coal-burning to an oil fuel steamer. The accommodation for passengers has been greatly improved. The steamer has gained in speed by the change from coal to oil fuel.

MOTORIST COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Richard T. Griffith, commercial traveller, 14 Home Farm road, Drumcondra, was committed for trial on a charge of having, through the negligent driving of a motor car on the night of December 10, in Upper Drumcondra road, caused the death of Frederick Lysaght. Bail was allowed.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—There will be a Special Service in St. Stephen's Church, Upper Mount street, on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock, at which a selection from Handel's "Messiah" and Christmas carols will be sung.

LIVE STOCK SHIPMENTS.—Both the London Midland and Scottish and British and Irish Companies yesterday ran three live stock steamers from the North Wall to Great Britain. The Lady Louth and Bandon went to the Mersey, the Lady Wicklow to Manchester, and the London Midland and Scottish boats to Holyhead.

CONNAUGHT.

CARRICK UNION PENSIONS.—The Local Government Department has sanctioned the following pensions for ex-officials of Carrick-on-Shannon Union, which was dissolved under the amalgamation scheme:—Wardsmaid, £29 12s. 1d.; cook, £15 8s. 6d.; nurse, £70 3s. 4d.; relieving officer, £15 15s. 2d.; nursery attendant, £16 9s. 6d.; medical officer, £30 6s. 8d.; shoemaker, £17 17s. 3d. It refused to grant a pension to the Protestant chaplain.

LEINSTER.

LANDS SUBMERGED.—Owing to heavy rain the River Creggy in the Ballymahon district of County Longford has overflowed, and what was once pasture land is now a lake. The river has not been cleaned for many years, and in places it is almost completely choked. A move was made some years ago to induce the Board of Works to widen and deepen the river, but owing to the disturbed state of the country no action was taken, and the matter is still in abeyance.

REAFFORESTATION.—Longford Agricultural Committee has passed a resolution requesting "the Department of Agriculture, with the co-operation of their officers, to enforce that all lands in the county, now and for some time past, that have been cleared of timber be (immediately the land is cleared) replanted at the expense of the landowner."

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES.—Several highway robberies are reported by our Drogheda Correspondent. Matthew Coogan, breadvan driver, was stopped at Platten Cross by a man carrying a revolver in each hand and robbed of £3. James McArdle, another breadvan driver, was stopped at the same place later by apparently the same man and robbed of £4. Unconfirmed reports of three other robberies have been received.

MUNSTER.

TIPPERARY UNION AMALGAMATION.—Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary, Guardians have considered a scheme of union amalgamation proposed by the Local Government Board, providing for a county home at Thurles, a county hospital and fever hospital at Roscrea, and a district hospital at Nenagh. The proposals entail a flat rate for the whole county. A member said that that would mean an increased rate for Borrisokane, which at present is the lowest rated union in Ireland. A deputation was appointed to go to Dublin to oppose the scheme, to insist on a cottage hospital for Borrisokane, and to protest against the flat rate.

RURAL COUNCIL RESIGNS.—Tipperary No. 2 (County Limerick) Rural District Council has passed the following resolution:—"That, owing to the action of the Ministry for Local Government in refusing to receive a deputation from this Council, with a view to an inquiry into the matter of the Council's claim to the doctor's residence at Pallasgreen, we deem it advisable in the interests of the ratepayers of the rural district to resign."

NENAGH AWARDS.—Malicious injuries awards totalling £587 were made at Nenagh yesterday in respect of outrages committed during the recent fighting. The Rev. W. N. Smith was awarded £55 compensation for a raid on Corbally Rectory, and the Rev. J. D. Cowen £45 for a raid on Castletown Rectory.

SIX MONTHS FOR ASSAULTING WIFE.—At Listowel, James Doody, Knockavallig, Duagh, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for assaulting and ill-treating his wife on December 11. The complainant, who is a young woman, said that the defendant threatened that if she did not leave him she would be sent home in a "timber jacket."

BETTING PROSECUTION.—At Cork District Sessions yesterday, David Leahy, bookmaker, was fined £25 for having conducted premises at 21 Oliver Plunkett street for the purpose of illegal betting. Anthony Molloy, Jeremiah Murphy, Patrick Glavin, and John Tynan were fined £5 each for having assisted in conducting the business.

ULSTER.

MONAGHAN-CAVAN ROBBERIES.—Two disguised men, carrying old shot guns, entered Connolly's grocery shop, at Derrygooney, on the Monaghan-Cavan border, and stole money. The robbers then went over the border into Co. Cavan, and entered Anderson's grocery shop in Lisclogher, where they also took tobacco and money.

A motor tractor and train of small trucks were employed yesterday for moving goods from ships to stores on the North Wall.

Passage West, Co. Cork, Urban Council has allocated £60 for employment relief work, to help the local unemployed over the Christmas period.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

CRUELTY TO ADOPTED BOY.—James and Elizabeth Burns, of Turmoyra, near Lurgan, were yesterday sentenced to two months' imprisonment each for assaulting and neglecting Alan Oliver, aged 10 years, an adopted boy. The boy said that he had been with the defendants since last September. On December 1 and 2 they tied him to a bed-post and beat him. The woman put a blouse round his mouth so that he could not call out. The police said that the boy's body was a mass of wounds and abrasions. A head-constable said that it was a "callous case of cruelty." A list of the lad's daily tasks, or "duty roll," was hung up in the kitchen of the defendants' house.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES.—Belfast Corporation offers private consumers of electric current the option of being charged as follows:—A fixed charge a year of 20 per cent. of the rateable value of the property up to £80 and 10 per cent. of that portion of any rateable value in excess of £80, plus 1d. a unit for all energy consumed for any purpose. The fixed charge will cover and include meter rent, and shall be payable whether or not the house may be closed or current consumed. Restaurants and hotels will be charged—For cooking purposes (where the premises are also lighted with electricity) a flat rate of 1½d. a unit consumed, plus a meter rent of 10s. a year for each meter installed.

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SERVICE MEN.—At a meeting of the King's National Roll Sub-Committee of Belfast Local Employment Committee, the secretary reported that on December 3 the number of ex-Service men on the unemployed register was 640—a decrease of 44 since the last report. The number of vacancies notified and filled during the month was 41—an increase of 10. The number of firms interviewed during November was 160.

NEWRY COUNCIL WAGES.—Newry Urban Council defeated by five votes to three a proposal to rescind a resolution to reduce employés' wages by 2s. 3d. on January 1. The proposal was made on the ground of the existing distress in the town and the fact that the cost of living had risen again. Notice has been given of a motion to increase the wages by 2s. 3d. a week.

TRADING IN HOTELS.—A deputation from the Belfast Chamber of Trade met the Belfast Corporation Finance Committee on Monday to make representations regarding the growing practice by hotel proprietors of letting rooms to cross-Channel firms for the sale of furs, silks, and draperies, to the detriment of local shops. It was urged that if hotels were to be converted into trading establishments they should be assessed as such in valuation.

MORAL COURAGE WANTED.—Referring to the rates struck for County Leitrim, the Commissioner in charge of the Council business said that if the people had a little bit of moral courage and would assist the authorities in bringing delinquents to justice by not keeping information to themselves, the rates could be kept down. The rates for ordinary administration would be normal.

Norman Duncan, Special Constable and wireless operator, attached to No. 31 Platoon, Clogher, has died from injuries received when his motor cycle collided with a Belfast commercial motor-van at Drumcarn, between Caledon and Aughnacloy, on Saturday.

NEW ROAD FOR NEWRY.—The owner of the Downshire Estate, Newry, has offered to give the Council Church avenue, popularly known as "The Cut," for dedication to public use. The offer has been accepted by the Urban Council with thanks. The lane connects Downshire road and Windsor hill.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT ARMAGH.—It is the intention of Cardinal Logue to celebrate Midnight Mass in Armagh on Christmas Eve. Last year it was not possible to hold the Service owing to the strict imposition of Curfew; but with the improved conditions in the country this is expected to be relaxed for the occasion.

HOUSES FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.—The Northern Ministry of Home Affairs has informed the Lurgan Urban Council that it proposes to erect four houses in Wellington street and fourteen at the Gilford road end of the town for ex-Service men.

The Portrush Urban Council has been informed that there is no likelihood of a regular daylight steamer service between Glasgow or Ardrossan and Portrush next summer.

BERTRAND SCHOOL.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

At the annual distribution of prizes at the Bertram Orphan and Intermediate School for Girls, Eccles street, Dublin, which took place last night in St. George's Parochial Hall, addresses were given by the Rev. A. W. Ardagh, the Rev. F. W. Greer, M.A., and Dr. J. Denham Osborne, who, with Messrs. J. Horne, William and James Dickie, represented the Board of Governors. The prizes were presented by Mrs. F. W. Greer. The report of the headmistress stated that the year had been very successful. The classes for Irish teaching were well filled, and the pupils were maintaining their interest in the language.

It had been hoped that by now the State would have done something towards the improvement of the financial position of the secondary school teachers. Nothing, however, had yet been done, and, "in the meantime, the country continues to be slowly drained of her best teachers, at a time when she can ill afford to lose them."

Mr. C. P. McGann, who recently retired from active educational work as Senior Science Inspector of Schools, spoke in connection with the teaching of science, and said that in his experience all over Ireland he had met no school which excelled that institution in so far as science was concerned. He had inspected the work there annually for over ten years, and he could vouch for the excellent progress made. (Applause.)

CHRISTMAS TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

In our advertising columns to-day the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company announce that on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of this month excursion tickets at single fare and one-third will be issued for all trains from and to Dublin, Wexford and Waterford, and all stations twenty miles or more distant from those places, where train services permit. The tickets will be available up to, and including, 27th inst.

The Corporation of London have voted £100 to the Salvation Army to provide soup for distribution in the poorest parts of London.

LONDON THEATRES.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT" AT THE COMEDY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday.

This is the 31st year that "Charley's Aunt" has picked up her skirts and scampered across London stages, and, judging from the roars of laughter her antics provoked, she is as popular as ever. The charm about this particular farce is that it is such wholesome, jolly fun from first to last.

Mr. Richard Cooper plays the aunt with considerable zest and much humour, while Mr. James E. Page, who is so well known to us all as the choleric Mr. Spettigue, that it is hardly necessary to say how well he plays the rôle.

"THE PRIVATE SECRETARY" AT THE PLAYHOUSE.

The Rev. Robert Spalding, with his "goods and chattels," still has the power to convulse with merriment a London audience, as was proved again last night, when "The Private Secretary" was revived at the Playhouse Theatre.

The funny little curate is played this year by Mr. C. B. Walenn in the traditional manner, while Mr. Cattermole is excellently acted by Mr. Frederick Volpe. The part of the nephew, who had to be "a bit of a dog" before his uncle would leave him his money, was taken with ability by Mr. Alec Finlayson, while Mr. A. Corney Grain played the tailor with the necessary humour. The two young girls were freshly and charmingly acted by Miss Nadine March and Miss Irene Wallace.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Result of Nov., 1923, exam., just announced. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. J. Bryan, J. Doody, M. G. Doyle, P. A. Dunne, H. P. Cullen, R. G. Curran, M. Grealy, H. J. Horneck, M. V. Johnston, M. H. McCarthy, P. J. McHale, E. J. Millife, J. G. Murphy, J. A. O'Callaghan, J. O'Connor. 15 of the 17 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT.—(Advt.)

CHURCH SET ON FIRE.

AN OUTRAGE NEAR NENAGH.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NENAGH, Tuesday.

Early this morning some people living near Aghnameadle Protestant Church (Ballymackey and Aghnameadle), Toomevara, seven miles from Nenagh, noticed flames issuing from the roof of the building, and at once gave the alarm.

All the neighbours turned out, and by their exertions saved the church from total destruction, but part of the roof is gone, as well as the Communion rails and pews.

It is believed the burning was malicious, as the door of the church was found to have been broken in.

This wanton act of destruction is condemned by all the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the parish, who have always lived on the best of friendly relations with their Protestant neighbours, and the spontaneity with which they turned out to subdue the flames goes to prove this.

The Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. H. Yates, has the entire sympathy of the people in the malicious injury done to his church.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED HEAVY.

(Reuter's Telegrams.)

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened irregular, and soon became heavy under professional selling, due to the weakened technical position and the preparations in Congress for the action on the Soldiers Bonus Bill. Oils were supported occasionally, but many stocks lost 1 to 4 points. The market closed heavy. Government Bonds irregular. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,200,000 shares. Money on call firm, closing at 4½ p.c. bid and 5 p.c. asked. Actual loans were all concluded at 4½ p.c. Sterling exchange rates easy. Silver ⅛c. lower for foreign mined at 65⅞c.

The following quarterly dividends have been declared:—Crucible Steel, 1 per cent.; Kansas City and Southern Preferred, 1 per cent.

The October earnings of 194 railroads reporting to the Inter-State Commerce Commission show the following:—Operating revenue, $587,870; increase $37,590. Operating income, $102,930,000; increase $17,800,000.

British-American Tobacco Ord. advanced ½, and National Lead ½.

Atchison Topeka Common, Great Northern Ore Certificates, U.S. Steel Common, and U.S. Rubber declined 1¼; Atchison Topeka Preferred, Chicago Milwaukee Common, Great Northern Preferred, Missouri Kansas Common, Missouri Pacific, Ontario and Western, Anaconda Copper and Utah Copper, ½; Baltimore and Ohio Common, Chicago North-Western Ord. and Southern Pacific, ⅞; Chesapeake and Ohio Common, Reading First Preferred, ⅜; Illinois Central, Bethlehem Steel Common, and Pan-American Petroleum Ord., 1⅜; Lehigh Valley Shares, Southern Railway Shares, American Smelting and Refining Common, and Shell Union Oil Corporation, ⅜; New York Central, Norfolk and Western Common and Northern Pacific Common, 1; Reading Shares, Chicago Rock Island, Texas and Pacific and Wabash Preferred, 1⅛; Union Pacific Common, 1⅞; General Electric, 2; and International Mercantile Marine Preferred, 1¼.

Union Pacific Bonds advanced ⅛. Erie Lien Bonds declined ⅛; and Missouri Kansas Lien Bonds ⅛.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices: Mon	Closing Bid Prices: Tues	Business Done: H.	Business Done: L.
116¾	Funded	102¾	102¼	—	—
103 [illegible]	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	91⅞	94⅞	—	—
109	Do. Preference	88	87⅝	—	—
63 [illegible]	Baltimore and Ohio	58⅜	57¼	—	—
168 [illegible]	Canadian Pacific	143¼	141⅜	—	—
79 [illegible]	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	70⅜	69⅞	—	—
13½	Chic. Mil & St. Paul	12	11⅝	—	—
57½	Chicago and N.-West	81	80⅞	—	—
32½	Erie 1st Preferred	23⅜	23⅛	—	—
61 [illegible]	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	54½	54½	—	—
61 [illegible]	Great Northern Pref.	56⅝	55½	—	—
114 [illegible]	Illinois Central	101⅝	100¼	—	—
68¾	Lehigh Valley	60⅜	59¾	—	—
101⅝	Louisville & Nashville	88½	88½	—	—
1 [illegible]	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	11⅞	11⅝	—	—
74 [illegible]	Do. New 4% Bonds	65⅜	65¼	—	—
59 [illegible]	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	31⅞	31½	—	—
10 [illegible]	Missouri Pacific New	9⅝	9⅛	—	—
3 [illegible]	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	3	—	—
1 [illegible]	Do. 2nd Pref.	1⅝	1⅝	—	—
11 [illegible]	N.Y. Cnl. & Hudson R.	104⅜	103⅞	—	—
116½	Norfolk & West Com.	103	102	—	—
9 [illegible]	Northern Pacific Com.	52⅜	51⅜	—	—
17 [illegible]	Ontario and Western	16	15½	—	—
47 [illegible]	Pennsylvania Shares	41⅞	41⅝	—	—
87	Reading Shares	77½	76⅜	—	—
61 [illegible]	Do. 1st Preferred	54½	54	—	—
99½	Do. 4% Mort. Bonds	85½	85⅜	—	—
41 [illegible]	Southern Railway	37	36⅞	—	—
97 [illegible]	Southern Pacific	86⅛	85⅜	—	—
20 [illegible]	Texas and Pacific	19½	18	—	—
143	Union Pacific	126⅞	125¼	—	—
81 [illegible]	Do. Pref.	72⅛	71⅜	—	—
104	Do. 4% Bonds	90½	91	—	—
11 [illegible]	Wabash Common	10⅜	10¾	—	—
38	Do. Preferred A	34⅞	33⅜	—	—
64	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	57¼	56⅞	—	—
42 [illegible]	Anaconda Copper	37⅜	37	—	—
29 [illegible]	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	23½	23	—	—
65 [illegible]	N.Y. Cons. Gas	37⅞	37⅛	—	—
221 [illegible]	General Electric	195⅜	191⅞	—	—
107 [illegible]	U.S. Steel Common	93⅜	91⅜	—	—
136 [illegible]	Do. 1st Preferred	118¼	119⅞	—	—
117 [illegible]	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102⅜	102⅛	—	—
—	Silver (Foreign Mined)	65⅞	65⅞	—	—
6 [illegible]	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	8	8⅞	—	—
31 [illegible]	Do. Prefd. Certs	29⅜	27½	—	—
55 [illegible]	Royal Dutch Oil	48½	48⅜	—	—
36	Shell Trans.	31⅜	31⅛	—	—
71	Pan-American Pet.	63¾	62⅞	—	—
17	Anglo-American Oil	15⅜	15⅜	—	—
16 [illegible]	General Motors	14⅞	14⅞	—	—
42	U.S. Rubber	38	36⅞	—	—

*Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex Bonus. § Ex rights.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
Call Money	4½b. 4¾a.	4¾b. 5a.
Ex. on Ln. 60 days' st.	4.34.75	4.34.37½
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.37.50	4.37.12½
Cable Transfers	4.37.75	4.37.50
Ex. on Paris	5.21½	5.23
Cotton Mid. Upland	35.40	35.50
Do., New Orleans, Mid.	34.50	35.00
Cottonseed Oil P. Sum.		
Yellow Spot	11.07	10.90
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	10.96	—
Petro. Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do., Standard White	14.00	14.00
Do., Philad. Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do., Pennsyl., Crude	2.85	2.85
Spirits of Turpentine	94	93½
Do., Savannah	86½	86¾
Resin, Grade K	4.40	4.35
Do. Grade F	4.60	4.60
Lard, Prime West. Stm.	13.80	13.80
Do. Midland West	13.30—13.40	13.35—13.45
Tallow, Extra	8½	8⅜
Sugar, New Cuban	7.41	7.41
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	86	86½
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	121½	121½
Do., No. 2 Red Winter	111½	121½
Do., No. 2 Mix. Drm.	109	110
Coffee, Rio No. 7	11	10⅝
Flour Spring Clears	5.00—5.10	5.00—5.10
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.00—23.00	22.00—23.00
Tin, Straits	47.00	47.25
Zinc, East St. Louis	6.20	—
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	13½—13¾	13¼—13¾
Do. do., Futures	13¾	13¾
Freight, Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel	2/6—3/3	2/6—3/3
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel	16	16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)	25	25
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	30	20

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

COTTON opened barely steady at 15 to 35 points reduction. Values weakened on the early dealings owing to the New England mills curtailment, fears of large notices, and selling by Southern operators and foreign interests. A rally followed on encouraging cable advices and Wall street support; then prices eased off again owing to slackness of the cotton goods trade, the disappointing attitude of spinners, and liquidation, but the market re-advanced on the improved spot situation, a better public demand, and bull support, and closed irregular, 2 points down to 11 points up. Spot quiet and unchanged. New Orleans spot 100 points higher. Receipts—Atlantic, 5,000; Gulf, 36,000. Exports—Britain, 7,000; Continent, 4,000; Japan, 1,000. Futures in last twenty seconds of trading:—December, lowest 35.05, highest 35.10; January, 34.26, 34.28; February 34.50, 34.50; March, 34.73, 34.77; April, 34.82, 34.82; May, 34.90, 34.93; June, 34.51, 34.51; July, 34.12, 34.18; August, 31.20, 31.20; September, 29.20, 29.20; October, 28.35, 28.35; November, 28.00, 28.00. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 34.63, highest 34.70; May, 34.55, 34.60.

COTTON OIL steady.

PETROLEUM steady. TALLOW steady.

KANSAS CITY.—Wheat firm and 1c. dearer. No. 2 hard winter, 110½.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

WHEAT opened easy, ⅛c. to ⅛c. down, and went lower owing to yesterday's bearish monthly Bureau report, bearish Liverpool cables, a poor cash and outside demand, and purchases by commission houses. The market closed barely steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. fall. Spot steady. No. 2 hard winter spot, nominal; Dec. 104⅜; May, 109; July, 106⅝.

CORN opened easy at ⅛c. decline, and further receded on the bearish monthly Bureau report, favourable weather and commission house selling, but later rallied under a better cash demand, rumours of export business, buying by cash houses and covering. The market closed steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Spot No. 2 mixed, 82½; Dec., 71⅝; May, 73½; July, 73⅝.

OATS steady at ⅛c. rise. Dec., 42½; May, 45½; July, 43½.

PROVISIONS opened quiet, and declined on a lower hog market, heavy receipts, selling by packers and an indifferent cash inquiry, but later reacted on covering, the market closing steady, with lard and ribs unchanged to 7½ points lower. Pork unquoted. Lard—Jan., 12.10; March, 12.05; May, 12.10. Ribs—Jan., 9.75; May, 9.97½.

BACON steady at 12½ points decline. The receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st November total 6,333,000, against 5,060,000 for the same season last year.

HOGS easy, with light 5 to 15 points and heavy 10 to 5 points down.

	Bacon, 60lbs. average.	160 to 250 lbs.	240 to 320 lbs.
To-day	9.27½	6.55 7.00	6.90 7.20
Prev. day	10.00	6.60 7.15	7.00 7.25

IRISH SECONDARY EDUCATION.

INTERMEDIATE BOARD'S REPORT FOR 1922.

According to the report, just issued, of the Intermediate Education Commissioners for the year 1922, the number of schools in the Free State that consented to inspection under the rules of the Board during the period mentioned was 274, being four less than the number in the preceding school year.

The number of schools on the register on 1st October, 1921, was 274, and the total number of pupils on the rolls of those schools on the same date was 20,776.

The "appointed day," under the Government of Ireland Act, for the separation of the educational services between Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland was fixed for 1st February, 1922. Previous to that the Board had been asked by the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland to conduct the 1922 examinations in that area, under the provisions of Section 63 of the Government of Ireland Act. Proposals for co-operation were submitted by the Northern Ministry, the essential part of which was that the examinations were to be conducted through the Board and from the Intermediate Office, Dublin. The Board agreed to that in principle, and a more elaborate scheme was drawn up by the Intermediate Office and submitted to the Northern Ministry.

BIRTH OF FREE STATE.

In the meantime the Irish Free State was set up, and the Administration taken over by the Provisional Government. The Northern Ministry had delayed their answer to the proposals from the Intermediate Education Office, and it was found that they no longer desired that the examinations in the Northern area should be conducted by the Board. By a letter of February 14th, 1922, the Board were informed that the Minister of Education for Northern Ireland did not think it would be practicable to carry through a scheme of joint action under Section 65 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.

However, over 3,000 entries had been received from candidates in Northern Ireland. During February most of these withdrew their notices, but 864 still desired to exercise their right of being examined by the Board. The Board were of opinion that they were bound to examine any candidates who had not withdrawn their notices. Accordingly, 22 centres were constituted in Northern Ireland, at which 738 candidates were examined.

On the setting up of the Provisional Government the Board were informed that the Minister of Education to that Government desired the issue of a circular to the schools to the effect (1) that in the English papers the questions in history and geography would be so set as to make it possible for a student to obtain full marks in that section on answers to questions relating to Ireland; (2) that the papers in honours history and historical geography would be so set as to make it possible for a candidate to obtain at least 50 per cent. of the marks allotted to the paper on answers to questions relating to Ireland or directly affecting Ireland; (3) that candidates would have the option of answering papers in all subjects in Irish or in English, or partly in Irish and partly in English. The Board agreed to these proposals. About thirty candidates at the examinations exercised the option of answering wholly or partly in Irish.

In their report for 1921 the Board had pointed out that progress in Irish education could only be made along the lines pointed out by them in their reports during a series of years—namely, the provision of sufficient funds for secondary education, proper salaries, increments and pensions for teachers, with due security of tenure, and the abolition of the payment of results fees depending on the examination results of individual students. Some steps were taken by the Provisional Government to provide additional funds. In June, 1922, an interim grant was distributed to secondary teachers in the Free State. The novel principle of direct payment to the individual teacher was adopted, and each teacher who fulfilled certain conditions received a sum of fifty pounds. In this way £63,000 was paid to secondary teachers in the Free State, of which lay teachers received about one-third.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

The disturbances which broke out at the end of June, 1922, had a serious effect on the schools, some being forced to close down altogether, others being unable to open at the usual time, while others experienced a serious drop in the number of students attending them. The Board brought to the notice of the Government any cases of hardship arising out of the disturbed conditions of the country, and obtained permission to alter the statutory rules so as to afford some remedy.

As the capital funds of the Commissioners have not yet been finally allocated between the two Governments, the Board point out that they have found it impracticable to render the accounts for the year 1922.

POSTAL CHANGES.

THE CASH-ON-DELIVERY SYSTEM.

Sir John Irwin, who presided at the last meeting of the Council of the Dublin Industrial Development Association, announced that the deputation which had waited on the Postmaster-General in reference to reduced postal charges, also sought an interview with the Minister of Finance on the same subject, but up to the present no reply had been received from the Ministry.

In reference to the cash on delivery charges, which the Association suggested should be fixed at a lower minimum than 1s., the Postmaster-General wrote that it would be impracticable to make any alteration in the scale of charges without loss to the department.

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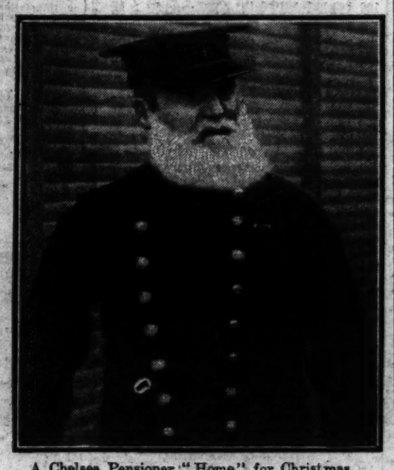

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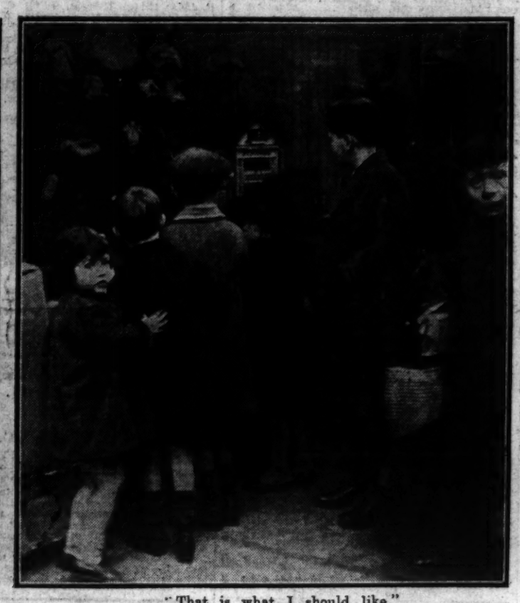

"That is what I should like."

CHEAP ELECTRICITY.

LORD WEIR'S VIEWS.

Proposing the toast of the Institution of Electrical Engineers at the annual dinner of the Scottish Centre at Glasgow last night, Lord Weir said that in an industrial country, such as theirs, there were two common services vital to their future national progress—cheap power and cheap transport. The key to both would be found in cheap electricity. In technical design and construction, over the whole field of electrical activity, we were now second to none. We could not ignore, however, that we were not progressing rapidly with any far-sighted policy of reform; nor was it possible to forget the existence of much waste and inefficiency, for example, in and around London. It was also the case that our electrical power policy was not yet linked up in its most effective way with the problems of our railways. The solution of the problems lay in the creation of a main transmission system, into which nothing but cheaply generated current would flow, and from which local authorities and companies would distribute.

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NOT TO BE HANGED.

REPRIEVE FOR WATERFORD MURDERER.

The Secretary to the Free State Minister for Home Affairs yesterday issued the following:

"I am directed by the Minister for Home Affairs to acquaint you that, in the case of William Devereux, a prisoner in Mountjoy Prison, under sentence of death, the Governor-General has been pleased, on the advice of the Executive Council, to commute the sentence to penal servitude for life."

Devereux, who lived at 23 Slievekill road, Waterford, was to be hanged at Mountjoy on Saturday for the murder of his sister-in-law, Anne Devereux, and her infant daughter on February 15 last. The woman and the child, it was shown at the trial, were found lying together in a pool of blood following injuries inflicted with a hatchet, the woman being dead. The child lived for a few days.

Dr. Hackett, the medical officer at Mountjoy, stated at the trial that he had noticed nothing abnormal in Devereux's mental state, but the defence submitted that the man was insane when he committed the crime.

DAMAGES FOR TRESPASS.

AWARD TO CO. GALWAY FARMER.

Damages, assessed at £321 15s. were awarded by a jury at a Sheriff's Inquiry held by Dr. Sherlock in Dublin yesterday, against a number of small holders, who trespassed on the lands of Patrick Donohoe, of Kilchreest, Co. Galway.

Mr. Shannon appeared for the plaintiff, who claimed for £500. There was no appearance for the plaintiffs—John Cannon, Patrick Mitchell, John Shiel, John Connolly, Margaret Holland, Mary Forde, Margaret Shaughnessy and Anne Clark.

Mr. Shannon stated that the defendants had admitted the trespass. The plaintiff was a farmer in Co. Galway, with a holding of 95 acres. In 1920 the defendants took possession of the lands and held them for three months, when the owner regained possession. In May, 1922, the defendants went back again and took over 56 acres of the best land. In February of this year the plaintiff's cattle were driven off his land.

CHEAPER ELECTRICITY.

GOOD NEWS FOR PEMBROKE RESIDENTS.

The price of electricity in Pembroke Township is being lowered as from January 1 by 1d. per unit in the case of supplies for domestic purposes, and a reduction from 3½d. to 3d. in the case of current used for power purposes.

The reduction was announced at the meeting of the Pembroke Urban District Council last night.

Mr. James McDonagh, 12 Seapoint avenue, Sandymount, was unanimously co-opted a member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Ryan.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

There will be a meeting of the Senate of Dublin University in the Theatre of Trinity College on to-morrow (Thursday, 20th December, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of conferring degrees.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE POULTRY INDUSTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I notice in the current issues of the English poultry papers an advertisement for a poultry expert to advise the Irish Free State Department of Agriculture on matters relating to the poultry industry. It is, indeed, time that the Department should make a start to improve the poultry industry. There is no country in the world that can compete with the Free State, in poultry produce, in the English markets if our people could be got to market their produce fresh and in an attractive manner.

We have had enough of the slipshod methods of the Department for years past in matters relating to the poultry industry. Thousands of pounds have been spent on poultry instructors' salaries, and during my twenty years' farming in the West of Ireland I never had a visit from one of them. The whole affair was a complete failure. If we could find the average yearly output *per* hen, leaving out our poultry-breeders and those who poultry-farm on a commercial scale, we should find that it has been improved very little, whereas during all those years it could have been increased by at least one hundred eggs *per annum*. Just think what this would have meant to Ireland since 1915!

The Department will be well advised not to import a foreigner who has spent some years on a "swell" English poultry farm. We do not want to know whether eggs in an incubator will hatch better or worse if turned four times daily instead of twice, or that breeding hens, fed on wet wash, will not breed well, as they are liable to be suffering from alcoholic poisoning due to the fermentation of the wash. As the post will be a well paid one, with a bonus on the Civil Service scale, let it be filled by means of a competitive examination on poultry affairs, suited to rural Ireland. Then inspect the plant and books of the first three, and select one who has "made good" by real hard work at the mixing tub and dropping boards, and whose capital was derived from his stock from year to year. Then we shall have a worker and one who will be able to give us sound, practical knowledge to enable us to increase the fecundity of our stock and to "tap" their latent powers without affecting their stamina or the size of egg.—Yours, etc.,

"MEATHMAN."

December 18th, 1923.

LONG DISTANCE VIEWS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It may be of interest to some of your readers who make a study of meteorological matters to know that shortly after sunset this afternoon, with the wind as nearly as possible south-west, the Dublin Mountains were distinctly visible from sea level here—an incident which I have observed only once previously in two years' residence in these parts. It would be interesting to know whether any of your readers happened to pick up the Isle of Man from the Hill of Howth or anywhere along the Dublin coast at the same time, which is a very rare occurrence. A straight line on the Admiralty chart of the Irish Channel shows the distance from Port St. Mary to be as nearly as possible sixty-two nautical miles.—Yours, etc.,

"A FORMER DUBLIN RESIDENT."

Port St. Mary, Isle of Man,
December 16th, 1923.

Mrs. A. Payne has lived for 90 years in the same house in which she was born, at South Walsham, Norfolk.

COUNTY CORK RAIDS.

TWO SHOT GUNS TAKEN.

Two armed raids took place near Douglas, County Cork, on Monday night, and from each of two houses a double-barrelled shot-gun was taken. The first raid took place at the residence of Mr. John Harrington, Shamrock Lawn, Douglas. The occupiers went on a visit at 8.30 p.m., and when they returned at 9.30 the double-barrelled shot-gun which had been in the house at 8.30, was missing.

The second raid took place at the residence of Mr. Edward Stoker, Grange, Douglas. At 9.30 p.m. there was a knock at the door, and it was answered by Miss Stoker. About twenty armed men with revolvers entered the house and demanded the shot-gun. The gun, which is also a double-barrelled one, was handed over, and the raiders left.

ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE.

JUDGMENT OF NORTHERN HIGH COURT.

In the Northern High Court yesterday, judgment was given in a case reserved for the Court of Crown Cases Reserved by Lord Justice Andrews, presiding judge at the last City Commission.

A prisoner triable at the Commission, named Andrew Nuttall, of 19 Wylie street, was convicted of having, on November 29, broken and entered the warehouse of James Skelly, Hamilton place, and stolen a quantity of bacon. Evidence regarding previous character had been adduced before the jury, and, on the application of prisoner's counsel, Lord Justice Andrews stated a case.

The Lord Chief Justice, giving judgment, read the case stated, in which it was set out that prisoner himself was not examined, but his wife was put in the box, and she was asked about her own previous conviction for keeping an illicit still, and then she was asked where her husband was at that time, and she answered—"In jail." His lordship held that that question was put to the credit of the witness and not to the character of the prisoner, and, in his opinion, the question was legal and admissible.

Lord Justice Moore and Mr. Justice Wilson concurred.

The appeal, therefore, was dismissed, the conviction to stand.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN DUBLIN.

The several industrial associations, both of employers and men, are evincing their practical appreciation of the value of technical education and of the work done in the Dublin Municipal Technical Schools. Not alone do they encourage the attendance of apprentices at the classes, but during the past two months many of them have formulated schemes of prizes for annual competition, and have generously sent considerable sums for the purpose. The Dublin Building Trades Employers' Association offers prizes in these trades to the annual amount of £50; the Dublin Guild of Building Workers has sent £15 15s.; Incorporated Guild of Brick and Stonelayers, £10; United Operative Plumbers' Association, £6; employers in the sheet metal trade, £10, and the trade union, £1. These prizes, which will be awarded annually, should prove a stimulus to the students, and evoke considerable competition.

"GREATER DUBLIN."

SOUTH COUNTY RATEPAYERS AGAINST ABSORPTION.

A public meeting under the auspices of the South County Dublin Ratepayers' and Development Association will be held to-night in the Town Hall, Kingstown, to further the project for amalgamating the four coastal townships and Rathdown No. 1 Rural District into a single borough, to be administered by one borough council. The meeting will be called on to protest against the proposal to absorb these districts into the City of Dublin.

The Committee have issued a circular stating that the Association has been established to promote and defend the civic interests of the people of Kingstown, Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney, and Rathdown No. 1 Rural District, including the residential districts of Foxrock and Stillorgan, and to press for the formation of these districts into a borough.

It is stated that inclusion in "Greater Dublin" would result in paying increased rates without any compensating advantages, industrial or otherwise.

THE NATIONAL LOAN.

NO ALLOTMENT TO CORK CORPORATION.

At a meeting of the Cork Corporation yesterday, a letter was received from the City Treasurer, which stated—"I received on Saturday from the Bank of Ireland a letter of regret that no part of the 5 per cent. National Loan had been allotted to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Cork."

The amount paid with the tender, which was for £52,600, was £49,970, has been refunded.

The matter was referred to the Law and Finance Committee.

IRISH PAPER MILLS COMPANY.

MOTION IN LONDON COURTS.

A motion for judgment in the debenture holders' action, the National Provincial and Union Bank against the Irish Paper Mills Co., Ltd., came before Mr. Justice Tomlin in the Chancery Division, London, yesterday.

Mr. Beschoff, for the plaintiffs, said that they were trustees of the trust deed of the debentures.

His lordship made the usual order in a debenture holders' action: that the trusts of the indenture be performed.

AN APPEAL FOR CHILDREN.

An appeal is made for gifts in money and kind to provide a Christmas treat for the poor children of the Dublin slums. The Committee of the Irish Save the Children Fund (non-sectarian and non-political) begs for a generous response to this appeal, and asks happy children to help the less fortunate ones by sending a toy and a sixpense from their Christmas presents. Gifts of money, toys, clothing, cakes, oranges and crackers will be gratefully received and acknowledged, and should be sent before the 3rd January, 1924, to the Organising Secretary, Irish Save the Children Fund, 9 Ely place, Dublin.

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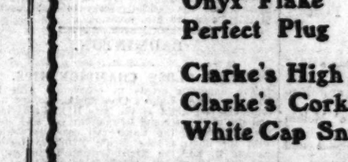

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DISORDER AT TENANTS' MEETING.

Heated interchanges took place between Mr. Gorey, M.P., and Mr. P. Belton, Secretary of the Land League of Unpurchased Tenants, at a recent meeting of the County Kilkenny Unpurchased Tenants' Association, convened to consider the question of arrears of rent under the new Land Act. Scenes of confusion followed, and eventually the meeting broke up in disorder.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

Among the private bills deposited to come on for consideration in the ensuing session of the Imperial Parliament is the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill. It may be recalled that a bill was deposited by the company late in the last session, and it came before the Standing Orders Committees of both Houses, as the Standing Orders had not been complied with. As both Northern and Southern Ireland are affected in the matter, the problem arising could not be then settled, and the bill stood over.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

A SPARKLING FINISH.

LARGE FIELDS AGAIN.

MITCHELLS WINS IN A CANTER.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

DERBY, Tuesday Night.

More than a little sparkle marked the racing here this afternoon, for fields were again large and the competition keen. The latter half of this remark, however, does not apply to the Ashbourne Hurdle, in which Mr. Frank Barling's hurdler, Mitchells, dominated the market—odds of 7 to 2 were laid on him—and also dominated the race. He made the others look very moderate, and won in a canter from Pantagruel II., a horse with whom the Epinard people brought off a coup at Kempton in the summer, and who is now in Walter Earl's stable. Mitchells' performance this afternoon makes that of Civic Guard, who beat him easily at Kempton, look a very good one.

A GOOD WIN.

The class of the twenty-one runners for the Osmaston Selling Hurdle was not exactly of the highest, yet, in spite of that, one was hardly prepared for the victory of Mr. C. J. Bentley's Vishnu. This four-year-old son of Juggernaut and Rosy Ina, a mare who, in her time, gained a little brief notoriety, had won a modest race at Sligo and later, with a 21lb. advantage in the weights, dead-heated with Red City at Limerick. This hardly seemed good enough to win here, but, ridden by Colbert, Mr. Bentley's horse gained quite a good victory by a length and a half from Newton Wonder, and was afterwards bought in for 170 guineas. Evidently the air of Mr. Barthropp's new training quarters at Malpas, in Cheshire, has agreed with Vishnu.

A SECOND OUTSIDER.

I confess to knowing very little about the ten-year-old horse, Red Turk, except that he is a half-brother to Maureen Bawn, and that he had run once unsuccessfully this year and did not run at all last season. However, he won the Rugeley Steeplechase here at an outside price. The betting was confined to Hedu, Tipperary Tim, and Rathmore, the last-named a winner of the "Maiden" at Fairyhouse, who fell here, as did Tipperary Tim, while Hedu made a blunder which put him out of the race. Only Red Turk and Bill Murphy were then left in, and the former won by three lengths.

MARCHESI UNPLACED.

Mr. John Barry's Marchesi, having beaten Glengarry at Cheltenham, was thought sure to beat him again in the Burton Handicap Steeplechase, but could only get fourth, while Glengarry won easily from Mr. Billy Sankey on Good Points, with Chin Chin third. The son of St. Luke has been ridden by his owner, Major Ian Straker, at a number of hunt meetings in the North, but he has improved a lot since he went to Coulthwaite, and here he put up a smart performance. It will be remembered that he fell when heavily backed in the race won by Helmet at Haydock Park.

The last race of the day fell to The Heir, who was bred by the late Mr. B. W. Parr out of his well-known mare, Aunt May. He gave Nitric a stone and beat him in a canter. Sir Thomas Stafford's Emboss ran here, but fell, and Mrs. Drummond finished in the rear of the field.

There is only the little Chelmsford meeting to occupy attention this afternoon. Poole lays himself out to score here, and I fully expect to see his PROVIDENCE win the Chelmsford Handicap Steeplechase. Should Mr. McEvoy go for the Plumpton losses over MINTOI in the Writtle Handicap Steeplechase he should get them back. In his absence DAISY CUTTER might be good enough to win. THE BLEEKA runs for the Braintree Novices' Steeplechase, where the opposition is poor, and Mr. McKevitt's horse should win.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

CHELMSFORD.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Muscadin, 3 to 1 Son o' Melton, 9 to 2 Simon's Craft, 5 to 1 Corporal, 7 to 1 Turbit, 8 to 1 each Dutch Toy and Simon's Mount, 10 to 1 each Silvanus and Toilet, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—9 to 4 agst. Prolific, 7 to 2 Ilderton, 4 to 1 Squire Erlegh, 5 to 1 Piccolisko, 7 to 1 Troika, 8 to 1 each Rathcore and Farm Gamp, 10 to 1 each Grecian Water and Pabulum, 100 to 7 any other.

2.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Boy Mac, 3 to 1 Little Gem Rose, 7 to 2 each Spicey and Yarta, 7 to 1 Royal Sport, 8 to 1 each Capitas and Brahmin, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—11 to 8 agst. Providence, 5 to 2 Progress, 9 to 2 Lord Callart, 6 to 1 Southerner, 7 to 1 Winkle, 8 to 1 any other.

3.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Mintoi, 11 to 4 Daisy Cutter, 4 to 1 Pride of Manister, 11 to 2 Flushed, 6 to 1 Curraghgour, 7 to 1 The Moon, 8 to 1 White Cockade, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 4 on The Bleeka, 3 to 1 agst. Southerner, 9 to 2 Sprig, 6 to 1 May King, 8 to 1 B Jay, 10 to 1 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

CHELMSFORD.

1. 0—Son o' Melton.
1.30—Troika.
2. 0—Boy Mac.
2.30—Providence.
3. 0—Daisy Cutter.
3.30—The Bleeka.
Double—Providence (nap) and Daisy Cutter.

A Student of Form

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily News:—Double — Providence and The Bleeka.
Daily Mirror:—Double—Playful and Providence (nap).
Daily Graphic:—Double — Son o' Melton and Providence.
Daily Express:—Double — Providence and Mintoi. Safety bet—Mintoi (to win).
Daily Chronicle:—Double—Providence and Mintoi. "To Beat the Book"—Mintoi.
Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Providence. Double—Spicey and Providence.
Daily Mail:—Special selection—Providence.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

KEMPTON PARK MEETING.

Mortlake Hurdle—Confirmation.
Hounslow Hurdle—Cruiser Arc.
Shepperton Handicap Steeplechase—Perforce.
Kew Selling Hurdle, December 26—Benjamin Cherry.

LINGFIELD MEETING.

Ashdown Hurdle—Confirmation and Savernake.
Covertside Steeplechase—Neil Boy.
Howard National Hunt, January 11—Jack Boore.
Lingfield Park engagements—Court Bleddyn, Henry B., Montcalm, and King Pippin.

WOLVERHAMPTON MEETING.

Rockley Hurdle—Red Conrad.
Christmas Cup—Ben Cruchan.
Wolverhampton engagements—Helmet and Italian Summer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

All engagements—Waltzaway (dead), Ravenspool (dead), Goddess of Mirth, Cajole, Lake Leman, Lady of Lemnos, Fiery Cross, and Indiscretion.

All engagements in Sir D. Cooke's name—Midnight colt (2 yrs.).

Moderate Hurdle, Newbury Old Year Meeting—Hogier and Vive La.

Great Breeders' Plate, Nottingham, next year—Servulus.

DERBY RESULTS.

1.0—SELLING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £150. 1½ m.
Mr. Hilditch's ch. c. ACHILLEION, by Corcyra—Shake Down, 10-9 ....F. Rees 1
Mr. Adams's PARLOUR TRICKS, 10-9 T. Moreau 2
Mr. R. Brendon's MEBOS, 10-9 J. Hogan, jun. 3
Also ran—Duncombe (Greening), Count Volta (Whitefield), Louvelean (T. Leader), Fanwinder (B. Phillip), Charlie's Gift (B. Lyall), Spicey (Captain Bennet), By Mistake (Hammey), Young Heroine (F. Wootton), Cock Eye (Stott), Run Honey (F. Fish). Off 12.59. (Winner trained by Spittle.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. Young Heroine, 7 to 2 Mebos, 6 to 1 Run Honey, 7 to 1 Parlour Tricks, 8 to 1 ACHILLEION, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by two lengths; a neck.
The winner was bought in for 310 gns.

1.30—OSMASTON (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.
Mr. Bentley's br. c. VISHNU, by Juggernaut—Rosy Ina, 4, 10-12 ....Colbert 1
Mr. D. Dickson's NEWTOWN WONDER, 5, 11-0 A. Brace 2
Mr. Barry's TRANSFORM, a, 10-10 ..Donnelly 3
Also ran—More Rain (Molyneux), Ben Beoch (J. Hamey), Call the Game (F. Rees), Sun Chap (J. Anthony), Appellant (Tighe), Sancho Panza (Mr. Kirk), Foot Proof (J. Goswell), Mayfly (A. Reader), Blaenor (Mackay), Doctor's Call (Mr. Delmege), Jargoon (Wilkinson), Fortune (T. Moreau), Hule Hellos (W. Lees), The Merchant (Wagstaffe), Ballyhandy (T. Sheridan, jun.), Bruff Battle (Captain Bennet), The Bailiff (B. Lyall), Monkey Climb (T. Morgan). Off 1.30. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)
Betting—5 to 1 each agst. Sun Chap and Newtown Wonder, 6 to 1 each Ben Beoch and Monkey Climb, 8 to 1 VISHNU, 10 to 1 each Sancho Panza and Fortune, 100 to 8 Call the Game, 25 to 1 any other.
Won by a length and a half; one length.
The winner was bought in for 170 guineas.

2.0—ASHBOURNE MAIDEN HURDLE of £100. 2 m.
Mr. F. Barling's br. c. MITCHELLS, by Bridge of Allan—Scotch Opera, 4, 12-5 F. Wootton 1
Mr. Coll's PANTAGRUEL II., 4, 11-9 Sweeney 2
Mr. Osborn's MURKY PAST, 4, 11-9 Mr. H. Bellamy 3
Also ran—Drumvaney (A. Brace), Prothello (D. Dick), Magoya (R. Segall), Gerald Junior (Mackay), Hidden Gun (Reader), Irish Cousin (Brookes), Sleeping Partner (Conkie), Heres Hoping (Tales). Off 1.59. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—7 to 2 on MITCHELLS, 7 to 1 agst. Hidden Gun, 100 to 8 Prothello, 20 to 1 any other.
Won by four lengths; three lengths.

2.30—BURTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £250. 2 m.
Major Straker's gr. g. GLENGARRY II., by St. Luke—dam by Athos, 9, 10-8 ..D. Dick 1
Mr. Filmer-Sankey's GOOD POINTS, 9, 11-7 Owner 2
Sir F. Price's CHIN CHIN, 7, 12-0 ..A. Stubbs 3
Also ran—Sherston (G. Wall), Wavetown (J. Mason), Marchesi (Capt. Bennet), Radnor (R. Lyall), Morning Star (T. Leader). Off 2.39. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)
Betting—5 to 4 agst. Marchesi, 9 to 2 Chin Chin, 5 to 1 each GLENGARRY II. and Good Points, 10 to 1 each Wavetown and Morning Star, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by two lengths; a bad third.

3.0—RUGELEY 'CHASE of £100. 3 m.
Captain Browne's RED TURK, 10, 10-0 G. Wall 1
Major Crossley's BILL MURPHY, 9, 10-0..Stott 2
Mr. Kenyon's TIPPERARY TIM, 5, 11-0 Goswell 3
Also ran—Hedu (Capt. Bennet), Rathmore (Tighe), Sidro (W. Lees), Radio Rex (R. Smith). Off 2.59. Winner trained by Withington.)
Betting—13 to 8 agst. Hedu, 7 to 4 Rathmore, 6 to 1 Tipperary Tim, 10 to 1 each RED TURK or any other.
Won by three lengths; a head.

3.30—BELPER HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. £200.
Mr. H. Harrison's b g. THE HEIR, by Acclaim —Aunt May, 9, 11-9 ....G. Goswell 1
Mr. Hood's NITRIC, 8, 10-11..............Tighe 2
Capt. Wright's LOCHAR, 9, 10-13 J. Hogan, jun. 3
Also ran—Delirium (J. Regan), Layman (T. Moreau), Dafur (Major Doyle), Red Pepper II. (Major Cavanagh), Wingate (Jacklin), Northbrook (Capt. Bennet), Holiday Maker (S. Jones), Hackdaile (Burford), Dutch Doll (Mr. T. Bird), Navana (C. Bell), Emboss (F. Rees), Mrs. Drummond (G. Wall). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by Owner.)
Betting—5 to 2 agst. Lochar, 3 to 1 Layman, 7 to 2 THE HEIR, 7 to 1 Nitric, 10 to 1 Emboss, 20 to 1 any other.
Won by ten lengths; three lengths.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

It is said that Stubbs is vacating his stables at Alresford at the end of the year.

Sir William Cook has sold Collaborator to Mons. Inge, and Light Hand is reported to have left for Hungary.

Centurion, Phacon, and Indelible have arrived at Hednesford from Newmarket.

The stallion Pretal, by Peppermint out of Bud, and seven mares, the property of Signor Unzue, have arrived in France from the Argentine.

G. Mitchell heads the list of cross-country jockeys in France with 65 victories, followed by L. Barre, 57; P. Michel, 49; Ed. Haes, 40; L. Duffourc and F. Herve, 31; A. Atkinson and R. Petit, 30.

The condition of F. Rhodes, the rider of Tally-Ho, who fell in the Derwent Steeplechase at Derby on Monday, is rather serious. He has a fractured skull, and is also suffering from the effects of severe concussion and bruising.

Games of chance have been prohibited in the Province of Mozambique (says Reuter), and all gaming houses in Lourenzo Marques have been ordered to close down, only clubs where no gambling is being permitted to keep open.

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COURSING.

STREETE MEETING—YESTERDAY.

Judge—Mr. J. Lennon. Slipper—L. Leech.

TENODE STAKE—For 8 all-ages (two-course maidens). Winner, £8; second, £1 15/-.

Mr. R. Whyte's Cock of the North beat Mr. W. Dennigan's White Knight.
Mr. P. Kearney's Dame Dark beat Mr. J. Wyse's Lazy Peggy.
Mr. G. A. Leone's Sheelin Boy a bye, Mr. A. Murphy's Maicetown absent.
Mr. A. Cunningham's Music Hall II. beat Mr. M. Deane's Countess Markievicz.

II.

Dame Dark beat Cock of the North.
Music Hall II. beat Sheelin Boy.
Deciding Course—Music Hall II. (Ballywilliam—Leinster Lass II.) beat Dame Dark (Victorious Ally—Damnora).

BARRADRUM STAKE—For four puppies. Winner, £6.

Mr. R. Whyte's Shining Blade beat Mr. M. Maxwell's Dark Rosaleen XIV.
Mr. T. Cooney's Ballinameen a bye, Mr. V. B. Shannon's Loughlinstown Lass drawn after a no course.
Deciding Course—Shining Blade (Honeyman—Acushla) beat Ballinameen (Ballinameen Boy—No Surrender).

A small crowd followed the coursing yesterday at Streete, when a small card of but ten courses took over four hours to complete. Hares throughout came very slowly to hand, and several beats drew blank. The little coursing we had, however, was of quite a good order, game standing up stoutly and providing trials of a high standard. A useful Honeyman youngster in Shining Blade won the Barradrum Stake, leading and beating Ballinameen in decisive fashion in the decider. Music Hall II. won the Tenode Stake in smart fashion, but was decidedly lucky to beat Countess Markievicz in the first round.

BADMINTON.

IRISH CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The handicap events in connection with the Irish Badminton Union's Close Championships were continued last night at the Arts Hall, Ballsbridge, and the most successful tournament yet held under the auspices of the Union will conclude to-night with the finals of the Men's Handicap Doubles (A and B) and the Mixed Doubles Handicaps (A and B). All players still in are requested to be promptly in attendance at 7 o'clock to-night. Details:—

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (A).

Third Round—Murray and Miss B. Stewart beat Goff and Mrs. Goff—15-11, 15-4; Keatinge and Mrs. Keatinge beat Percival and Mrs. Lynch—15-4, 15-10; M'Dougald and Miss Mulligan beat Woods and Miss Homan—9-15, 15-5, 15-11.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (B).

Third Round—Hamilton and Miss Cairnes beat Woods and Miss Sheehan—15-4, 15-9.

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES (A).

First Round—Atcheson and Moore beat Manico and Courtenay—15-3, 15-11; Ross and Murray beat Overend and Maguire—15-7, 15-13; Goff and C. Murray beat O'Reilly and Percival—15-8, 5-15, 15-14; Plews and Bell beat Stokes and A. Hamilton—15-7, 15-9; Keatinge and Goulding beat Kennedy and Bell—12-15, 15-1, 15-10.

Second Round—Ross and Murray beat Evans and Walker—15-9, 14-15, 15-4; Plews and Bell beat Goff and C. Murray—15-13, 15-12.

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES (B).

Armstrong and Goulding beat Toole and Grevelle—15-14, 15-11; Smith and Manning beat Keatinge and Cox—15-14, 13-15, 15-12; M'Dougald and Inglis beat Vier Hont and Manley—15-12, 15-10; Bennett and Mortier beat Keatinge and Ramsden—15 6, 7-15, 15-7; Weir and Jones beat Thompson and M'Kenzie—15-12, 15-10; Quinn and Maguire beat M'Gahey and M'Hugh—15-12, 15-10; Harris and Hamilton beat B. and W. Hamilton—12-15, 15-9, 15-11.

Second Round—M'Dougald and Inglis beat Smith and Manning—15-14, 1-15, 15-14; Quinn and Maguire beat Harris and Hamilton—15-6, 15-5; Weir and Jones beat Bennett and Mortier—15-8, 15-10.

CHELMSFORD.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

For this single day's meeting on Galleywood Common to-day the prospects scarcely could be more favourable. The weather promises to continue fine, and the going is in excellent order. Several horses have come from Lewes and many more from other training quarters can arrive easily this morning. Selections:—

Tindal Hurdle—Son o' Melton.
Mayors Hurdle—Troika or Piccolisko.
Rodney Hurdle—Yarta.
Chelmsford Steeplechase—Providence.
Writtle Steeplechase—Flushed.
Braintree Steeplechase—The Bleeka.

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—TINDAL (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £100. 2 m.
403 SON O' MELTON (Mr. Stacey) Hammond 12 11 13
200 SIMON'S CRAFT (Mr. Eden) ....Poole 7 11 7
000 ROUSHAM (Mr. F. Groves)......Bletsoe 8 10 9
(The above have arrived.)
212 BROTHER BILL (Miss Poole)....Poole 4 12 7
0 CORPORAL (Mr. T. Hartigan)....Kemp 5 12 4
333 MUSCADIN (Mr. Wootton)....Wootton 6 12 1
030 DOCTOR MYRAM (Mr. R. Knight) Doyle 6 12 0
000 CROCK HILL (Mr. Berner) ....Private 7 11 12
213 TURBIT (Major P. Moodie)....F. Brown 8 11 11
030 SILVANUS (Lt.-Col. G. Parkinson) Reardon 4 11 10
001 ATHOLHAMPTON (5lb. ex.) (Mr. T. Fitton) ....Fitton 6 11 9
330 MARASKIN (Mr. M. Rhodes) M. Rhodes 4 11 7
BROKEN RING (Mr. Runciman) Orbell a 11 7
NEGLECTED (Mr. B. Barrow) ..Private a 11 7
001 PHAROAH (Miss Coulman) ....J. Lyall 4 11 4
000 GONDOLIER (Mr. W. Allden)....Allden 8 11 3
033 DUTCH TOY (Mr. W. Whiteman) Duller 6 11 1
024 HOPEFUL II. (Maj. P. Moodie) F. Brown 8 11 0
000 REGICLES (Mr. Perry) ....Bullock 8 11 0
100 TOILET (Mr. H. Harvey) ....Smyth 5 10 13
000 SIMON'S MOUNT (Mr. J. Jarvis) T. Leader 5 10 12
000 CHIRRUP (Mr. Prendergast) ..Private 5 10 10
PELHAM GOLD FLAKE (Mr. Bray) Private 5 10 10
100 PURPLE RIDER (Mr. Cary) ......Cary 4 10 9
200 GAZAFOE (Mr. R. Reeve) ....Private 7 10 9
200 TEDDIE'S BOY (Mrs. C. Jicklines) Kemp 4 10 7
000 SHUSTOKE (Mr. Phillips) ......Private 4 10 5
000 MOONLIT (Mrs. H. Gastrell)....James 9 10 3
000 REGISTRATION (Mr. Willett)..Willett 7 10 0

1.30—MAYOR'S HANDICAP HURDLE of £100. 2 m.
410 PUCK (Sir S. Watt) ....Poole 5 12 7
00 DERVISH (Mr. Alexander) ....Dale 5 12 6
300 MOONBEAM (Mr. Kenshaw)..Anthony 8 12 3
BONNE RACE (Mrs. G. Russell) T. Leader 4 12 2
111 PLAYFUL (5lb. ex.) (Mr. Tattersall) Poole 7 12 2
001 FARM GAMP (Mr. Cary) ....Cary 7 12 0
MOLLYMACHREE (Mr. Thackrah) Private a 12 0
010 SQUIRE ERLEGH (Mrs. G. Russell) T. Leader 5 11 13
201 GRECIAN WATERS (Mr. Turton) Private 6 11 12
103 ILDERTON (Mr. Thrale)..........Doyle 6 11 9
110 GRACEFUL MOVER (Mr. W. Allden) Allden 4 11 8
ROOTHINGS SHEIK (Mr. Golding) Private 5 11 7
330 PROLIFIC (Mr. T. Hartigan) ....Kemp 7 11 6
120 PICCOLISKO (Mr. A. Ioannou) W. Nightingall 6 11 6
00 STAR OF HOPE (Col. C. Jicklines) Kemp 6 11 5
200 RATHCORE (Mr. Ivall) ....G. Bennett 9 11 4
042 TROIKA (Mrs. Stevens) ....Stevens 4 11 3
000 CROCK HILL (Mr. Berner) ....Private 7 11 2
300 PREMIUM BOND (Mr. Cooke)..Orbell 6 10 12
303 PABULUM (Mr. Bullock) ......Bullock 10 10 9
003 SHIPWRECKED (Mr. Moss)....Private 5 10 7
00 ALL GOLD III. (Mr. Price) ....Private a 10 0
200 GAZABOE (Mr. Reeve) ....Private 7 10 0

2.0—RODNEY JUVENILE (S.) HURDLE of £100. 1½ m.
030 LITTLE GEM ROSE (Mrs. Putnam) Poole 10 9
YARTA (Mr. Howard) ....Lines 10 6
(The above have arrived.)
331 SNOWDROP (Mr. S. C. Matthew) ....Poole 11 11
300 BRAHMIN (Mr. B. Smith)......Fitzgerald 10 11
0 RED INDIAN (Mrs. Stevens) ......Stevens 10 9
000 COLCANNON (Mr. Allden) ....Allden 10 6
40 ROYAL SPORT (Mr. P. Berry) G. Bennett 10 6
00 SOUTH STRAND (Mr. Clarke) ......Private 10 6
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE (Mr. Edge) Poole 10 6
042 BOY MAC (Mr. Goodman) ....Smyth 10 6
0 SCALLYWAG (Mr. A. Harris) ......Private 10 6
00 PRINCE SADIM (Mr. T. Leader) T. Leader 10 6
430 MOSELEY (Mr. Phillips) ....Anthony 10 6
020 SPICEY (Mr. Pickering) ....Pickering 10 6
00 PRESTER JILL (Mr. Robb)..............Robb 10 6
00 MORE PRIDE (Mr. Shaw) ....G. Bennett 10 6
00 CAPITAS (Capt. de Trafford)..W. Payne 10 6

2.30—CHELMSFORD HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
333 ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ......J. Wood 10 12 9
000 WINKLE (Mr. J. Barnett) ....Dale 9 12 0
000 CRAGGIE ROCK (Mr. T. Hartigan) Kemp 8 11 12
112 PROVIDENCE (Mr. Curtis) ....Poole 5 11 11
041 PROGRESS (Mrs. Jones) ....Orbell 5 11 2
020 DUG MAJOR (Mr. Richardson) Bullock 8 11 2
224 LORD CALLART (Mrs. Bennett) G. Bennett 10 11 0
000 SOUTHERNER (Col. R. Croft) H. Law 5 10 12
311 EVERYMAN (Colonel G. Bullard) Private 11 10 2
004 SANG BLEU (Mr. Barrow)........Private 11 10 0
0 WEARMOUTH (Mr. Moss) ....Private a 10 0

3.0—WRITTLE HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 3 m.
122 DAISY CUTTER (Mrs. R. Willett) Hammond 9 12 2
001 FLUSHED (Col. E. Phillips) R. Payne 7 11 12
(The above have arrived.)
110 GEM (7lb. ex.) (Mrs. Bennett) G. Bennett 7 12 4
100 MILLIGAN (Mr. Green).....C. Young 10 12 2
334 WHITE COCKADE (Mr. J. Wood) J. Wood 10 11 12
330 MINTOI (Mr. McEvoy)..........Private 9 11 8
021 PRIDE OF MANISTER (5lb. ex.) (Mrs. Stevens) ....Stevens 10 11 10
030 JOBY (Lord Denman) ....G. Poole 9 11 7
02 CASHLIE (Sir E. Wills) ....De Mestre 9 11 5
000 SEE TOO (Mr. Blanket) ....Orbell 5 11 3
100 THE MOON (Mr. Christie) ....Kemp 6 10 13
041 CURRAGHGOUR (Lt.-Colonel F. Hills) S. Bennet 11 10 9
0 WEARMOUTH (Mr. S. Moss) Private a 10 5
023 BELLINI (Mr. Birkbeck).....T. Leader a 10 4
011 SILK SAIL (Maj. J. Evans) ....Private 9 10 0
0 PUSSYFOOT IV. (Mr. Price) Private 8 10 0

3.30—BRAINTREE NOVICES' 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
210 THE BLEEKA (Mr. McKevitt) Poole 6 12 8
(The above has arrived.)
111 ARDUOUS (Capt. Norrie) ..G. Bennet 6 12 8
040 SPRIG (Mrs. Partridge)....T. Leader 6 12 3
004 WHITE HEAT (Mrs. Stevens) ..Stevens 7 12 3
200 B. JAY (Mr. H. Brown).......W. Payne 5 12 0
COXHILL (Mr. F. Brown) ......F. Brown 5 12 0
00 MISS JARLEY (Mr. W. Chapman) Pte. 10 11 12
440 GAPPIE (Col. Croft) ....Law 6 11 12
0 CYLVIDA (Mr. Falcon) ....Earl 6 11 12
0 SEVINGTON (Mr. Harvey)........Private a 11 12
000 MOONLIT (Mrs. H. Gastrell).....James 9 11 12
0 THE CROWE II. (Mr. Price) Private a 11 12
000 SOUTHERNER (Col. Croft)...........Law 5 11 9
0 BLANCHE OLIVER (Mr. Curtis) Poole 4 11 1
0 MAY KING (Mr. Murray).......Bletsoe 4 11 1
APPLE PIE (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 4 11 1

HOCKEY.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS.

The Selection Committee, Leinster Branch I.H.U., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, at 8 Merrion Row, for the purpose of selecting trial teams for the matches which have been fixed for January 2 and 9. The following are the members of the Committee:—Messrs. J. W. F. Crawford, W. F. McDonnell, J. E. Mills, W. Graham, and F. G. Hudson.

LEINSTER LADIES' HOCKEY UNION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Old College	3	Maids 1st	3
Monkstown	6	Muckross	0
Civil Service	5	Maids 2nd A	1
Dublin University	4	Alexandra College	1
MIDDLE LEAGUE "B."			
Old College 2nd	2	College of Surgeons	1
Victoria	6	National Bank	0
JUNIOR LEAGUE "A."			
Victoria 2nd	6	Pembroke Wanderers	0
JUNIOR LEAGUE "B."			
Rutland High School	9	Bray 2nd	0

GAELIC PASTIMES.

CUMANN CLEAS-LUT AN AIRM.

On Friday next Dublin Command meet General Headquarters Command in the semi-final of the All-Army Football Tournament. Both teams met in the final of the All-Army Championship in August last, when, after one of the most exciting games played in Dublin in recent years, Dublin Command won by 2 points. The winners will meet Waterford in the final.

The match is timed to commence at 2 o'clock, and Rev. Father Cotter, C.P., Cork Command, will referee.

BILLIARDS.

FALKINER v. INMAN.

Yesterday afternoon, at the resumption of this match, Falkiner failed to increase his unfinished effort, and Inman tacked on 226 and 255. Falkiner followed with 108, 166 and 119. Interval scores: Inman, 9,689; Falkiner (in play), 9,608.

In the evening Inman was first to get going with a break of 154, and then Falkiner scored 152. Inman 126 and 173, and Falkiner 165, were the principal breaks afterwards. Closing scores:—Inman, 10,514; Falkiner (in play), 10,222.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
To-day	Flathouse	1.30
Saturday, 22	Kilbride	1.30
THE MEATH.		
Thursday, 20	Lobinstown	11.0
Friday, 21	Cross Keys, Drumree	11.0
THE KILDARE.		
Thursday, 20	Dunlavin	11.0
Saturday, 22	Straffan Bridge	11.0

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

Saturday's meet at Nine-Mile Stone was well attended. Enlarging on the Race Hill, behind the kennels at Ashbourne, the stag went away over the hill, in the Ballymadun direction, and the pack ran at a fair pace over the hill, and through Moor Common and the bottoms, to the Rath Farm, where they swung to the right by the Ballymadun road, and ran back through the Courtlands, to the Green lane, where a check occurred. Quickly recovering the line by the Court Farm house, they ran over the Court River into Dunrea, and through Miss D'Arcy's farm and The Halfs, to the Milltown road, where they checked again. Being held down the road, below some motors which had foiled the line, they hit it off along the river bank at Milltown, and ran through Archerstown and Robertstown, nearly to Johnstown, before bearing away to the right through Palmerstown to Rapley, to check on the Donaghmore road. Holding a very faint line, they continued on by Donaghmore House and Greenogue, to New Barn, the stag being eventually safely taken after a slow, twisting hunt, at Kilsallaghan.

THE LOUTH HOUNDS.

Tuesday, 11th, Beaulieu.—Finding in the long wood at the back of the house, the pack ran very fast by Beltickbourne into Newtown, when their fox got to ground. Lisloke held a fox which went away over the road as if for Tullyeskar, but came round right-handed, and was lost near the church. Had a very fast gallop from Cartoun, hounds running at a fast pace for fifteen minutes to Blackhall, where they marked to ground in a badger earth.

Saturday, 15th, Traveller's Rest.—A fox found in Hacktown was headed on the road, and nothing was done with him. From Stickillen a fox was hunted slowly over the river through Roodstown to Drumcashel, where scent failed altogether. From Gudderstown we had a fast twenty minutes, hounds running by Drumcashel, through Roodstown down to the river; then right-handed to Ballybonia Cross, where the fox got into a shore under the road, from which he was evicted, and hounds caught him in a couple of fields. Smith's bog held a fox, which was hunted by Irishtown nearly to Braganstown, where he found a hole. Braganstown, which has been drawn six times this season, was full of foxes, and one was hunted down to the river, which he crossed; then went on through Bawn, where he was unfortunately, coursed by a greyhound and killed just before hounds came up, which finished a pleasant day.

THE LOUTH HOUNDS.

These hounds will meet at Ardcath to-day at 11.30, not 11 o'clock, as advertised.

CHANGE OF MEET.

The Kildare Hounds will meet on Wednesday, December 26th, at Bishopscourt instead of The Kennels.

RUGBY.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCH.

DUBLIN v. CAMBRIDGE.

The Cambridge team and officials arrived in Dublin yesterday, and announced their team for the match with Trinity at Lansdowne road to-morrow. It will be seen that the side is a particularly strong one, and includes ten of the players who figured in the great game against Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Full-back—P. S. Douty (Pembroke), 1.

Three-quarters, right wing—*R. H. Hamilton Wickes (Pembroke), 3; V. E. Dallas-Conté (St. Catherine's), 4; A. B. G. Thompson (Trinity College), 5; *Sir T. G. Divitt (Corpus Christi), 2.

Half-backs—(Scrum) *A. T. Young (Caius College), 7; (outside), *T. E. S. Francis (Pembroke College), 6.

Forwards—*W. E. Tucker (Caius College), 8; W. R. Collis (King's College), 9; *D. C. Ryder (Pembroke College), 10; *D. C. Cuming (Caius College), 11; *W. J. Jones (Caius College), 12; *R. H. Loury (Jesus College), 13; *W. B. Scott (Pembroke College), 14; R. D. Howell (Caius College), 15.

*Signifies played against Oxford.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Lansdowne 3rd v. Wanderers 3rd. Lansdowne road, 2.30.

Palmerston Schoolboys v. C.U.S. Milltown, 3.0.

Palmerston Schoolboys v. C.U.S.—At Milltown at 3.0 to-day. Palmerston Schoolboys—P. Hussey; N. S. Cheetham, D. Hackett, C. N. Kirwan, W. Hamilton; O. Skeffington, R. E. Russell; E. Ruddell, E. B. Solomons, N. R. MacGovern, H. W. M'Cormick, W. H. Williamson, P. Kelly, D. Hussey, F. Hussey.

Lansdowne 3rd v. Wanderers 3rd.—At Lansdowne road at 2.30 sharp to-day. Lansdowne 3rd—F. O'Rorke; R. T. Falkner, N. Guise Brown, J. Crammond, J. K. Murray; R. Lyburn, M. Kavanagh; A. G. Murray, E. Lyburn, M. Scott, S. Rooney, J. Rooney, J. Isaacson, M. Bell, P. Parr.

WANDERERS F.C.

Members are reminded of the necessity of being in possession of fixture cards in order to obtain free admission to Lansdowne road on the occasion of the Dublin University v. Cambridge match. Schoolboy honorary members must wear their school caps. —(Advt.)

SWIMMING.

CLONTARF S.C.

CHRISTMAS MORNING HANDICAP.

The annual Christmas morning race will be held at the Clontarf Baths on Tuesday next, at 12.30 p.m. sharp. Entries will be accepted up to 12.20 p.m. on the morning of the race. No entry fee will be charged, nor will there be any charge for admission. A collection, however, will be made on behalf of a prominent Dublin charity, which it is expected will be generously supported.

The entries are not confined to members of the promoting club. Following the race the prizes won in the 1923 season will be distributed.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS.

IRISH FREE STATE FIGURES.

The Irish Free State Ministry of Finance announces that the receipts into and issues out of the Exchequer between the 1st of April, 1923, and the 15th of December, 1923, were as follows:—

Revenue and other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from 1st April, 1923, to 15th Dec., 1923. £	1st April, 1922, to 16th Dec., 1922. £
Balance in Exchequer on 1st April	197,113	—
REVENUE.		
Customs	5,848,000	1,906,410
Excise	7,176,000	12,314,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	193,000	—
Estate, etc., Duties	677,000	679,000
Stamps	313,000	161,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super Tax and Mineral Rights Duty)	2,783,000	1,826,000
Corporation Profits Tax	306,000	206,000
Excess Profits Tax	36,000	75,000
Post Office	1,200,000	700,000
Miscellaneous:—		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	1,602,564	370,742
Other Receipts	1,399,585	48,518
Total, including Balance	21,731,261	18,286,670
Other Receipts— Money raised by Creation of Debt—		
By Irish Free State Bills	1,714,000	—
By Savings Certificates	469,000	—
By 5% National Loan	5,200,000	—
Ways and Means Advances:— By Public Departments	1,515,000	1,000,000
Total	30,629,261	19,286,670

Expenditure and other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet Payments from 1st April, 1923, to 15th Dec., 1923. £	1st April, 1922, to 16th Dec., 1922. £
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund Services	507,688	239,323
Supply Services	22,969,733	15,811,000
Total Expenditure	23,477,421	16,050,323
Other Issues. Temporary Advances:		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	262,000	373,700
Issues to meet Capital Expenditure under the Telegraph Acts	—	40,000
Savings Certificates paid off	5,000	—
Ways and Means Advances Repaid:— Public Departments	50,000	980,000
Total Issues	23,794,421	17,444,023
Balance in Exchequer on 15th December, 1923, and 16th December, 1922	6,834,840	1,842,647
Total	30,629,261	19,286,670

BRITISH REVENUE.

RECEIPTS.

	Estimate for 1923-1924. £	April 1, 1923, to Dec. 15, 1923. £
Customs	116,900,000	90,860,000
Excise	143,850,000	100,508,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	13,250,000	4,470,000
Estate, etc., Duties	52,000,000	39,000,000
Stamps	20,000,000	14,000,000
Land Tax, etc.	3,000,000	540,000
Income Tax	261,000,000	132,214,000
Super Tax	58,000,000	24,150,000
E.P.D.	12,000,000	—
Corporation Profits Tax	20,000,000	15,180,000
Post Office	52,600,000	36,150,000
Crown Lands	900,000	690,000
Intrst. on Sundry Loans	12,500,000	10,268,748
Miscellaneous—		
Ordinary Receipts	12,500,000	9,462,383
Special Receipts	40,000,000	29,278,250
Total	£818,500,000	£514,589,548

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimate for 1923-1924. £	April 1, 1923, to Dec. 15, 1923. £
Permanent Charges on Debt, Interest and Sinking Fund	350,000,000	294,804,401
Road Fund	12,650,000	3,754,044
Payments to Local Taxation	10,348,000	7,537,205
Payments to Northern Ireland Exchequer	3,000,000	2,608,978
Land Settlement	1,500,000	415,465
Other Consolidated Fund Services	2,972,000	1,614,357
Supply Services	440,565,000	255,944,289
Total	£821,035,000	£566,678,739

CRICKET.

THE QUALIFICATION QUESTION.

At their meeting on Monday the M.C.C. Committee confirmed the report of the Advisory County Committee with reference to Worcestershire and Mr. L. G. Crawley's qualification. They accepted the apology of that county, and expressed their gratification at the assurance of the Advisory County Committee that the M.C.C. can depend upon their support in acting as referee in the matter of the County Qualification Rules.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

In an inter-State cricket match which concluded here to-day New South Wales beat South Australia by 170 runs.

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ASSOCIATION.

INTERNATIONAL MATTERS.

At the meeting of the International Selection Committee, which preceded the meeting of the F.A. Council in London, on Monday, a request was received from the International Football Federation that a conference should be held in London, and it was reported that it would be held next Friday, and that the four International Associations of the United Kingdom would be represented. Messrs. J. C. Clegg (president), W. Pickford, and J. McKenna (vice-presidents) will attend on behalf of the Football Association. It is understood that the two chief points to be discussed will be the amateur definition and whether the United Kingdom Associations would rejoin the Federation.

The Irish Free State F.A. wrote asking the Football Association to send a representative team to play at Dublin on a date not later than March 15 next. The Committee decided that, having regard to the engagements already made, it would not be possible to send a team to Dublin this season.

The Dominion of Canada F.A. asked that a representative English team should be sent to Canada next summer, but the Committee expressed regret that it could not accede to the request. It would, however, give its sympathetic consideration on a future occasion.

An invitation from the Austrian, Hungarian, and Italian F.A.'s was received to send representative teams to those countries. The Committee declined, for the reason given to the Irish Free State F.A.

With regard to the proposed tour to Australasia, it was reported that if it were found possible to send a team next summer, it would probably leave in the middle of April, and reach England on the return journey in October next. Players able to make the journey should communicate with Mr. F. J. Wall at the F.A. offices, 42 Russell square, London, W.C., as soon as possible, so as to enable the Committee to make the selections at an early date.

ROWING.

HENLEY, 1924.

At the annual meeting of the Henley Regatta Stewards, held in London yesterday, July 2, 3, 4, and 5 were fixed as the dates for the Regatta next year. The report showed that the entries last year of 93 and 86 actual competitors for the eight events constituted a record for the fixture, while the accounts revealed a credit balance of £2,234, which is to be spent on straightening the course in association with the Thames Conservancy. The total receipts for the regatta amounted to £9,111, against an expenditure under various heads of £6,876.

The Committee, with Mr. F. I. Pitman (Chairman), was re-elected, amongst its members being Lord Desborough, Viscount Hambledon, and Lord Ampthill.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

RATHFARNHAM.—Saturday—Monthly medal, 18 holes (bogey). St. Stephen's Day—Sweepstakes, 18 holes (strokes). 2 p.m.—Mixed foursomes, 18 holes (bogey).

CILLDARA.—Surprise foursomes—J. Bergin and Miss McDonnell (8½), 39¼; W. Wallace and Mrs. Coady (9¼), 40¼; J. Canty and Miss D. Dunne (4½), 40½.

KILLINEY.—Monthly medals result—Class I.—J. F. Conan (scr.), 68. Class II.—R. M. Mangan (24), 73.

MOTOR CYCLING.

LEINSTER MOTOR CYCLE CLUB MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Leinster Motor Cycle Club was held last evening at the Dolphin Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. H. Hill, and subsequently Mr. C. E. Jacob, who was elected president of the club. Mr. G. V. B. Cooke (hon. secretary) presented the report of the committee, which stated that during the season four reliability trials and three speed trials at Portmarnock were held, in addition to the 100 miles road race. For these events 244 entries were received, in addition to 64 entries for the road race. The report was adopted. The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. N. Lepler), and was adopted, after discussion.

The election of officers for the coming season resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. E. Jacob; vice-presidents, the presidents of the Dublin and District, Cork, Ulster, Ramblers, Dublin University, and County Kerry Clubs, Messrs. E. H. Hill, T. Bradford, W. E. Huet, W. Coleburn, G. Jackson, A. J. Doyle, J. Cathcart, J. A. Carvill, N. Lepler, J. McDowell, and Dr. T. F. Broderick; hon. secretary, Mr. G. V. B. Cooke; competition secretary, Mr. A. Hannan; hon. treasurer, Mr. N. Lepler; captain, Captain Harpur; solicitor, Mr. J. J. Shiel; hon. auditors, Dr. Pepper and Mr. D. A. Whiteside; committee—trade: F. Holmes, T. E. Greene, J. J. Beggan, H. A. Fair, G. Briggs, H. Briggs; non-trade: W. J. Fagan, R. Creighton, E. Brady, R. H. Hill, A. Robinson, E. E. Campbell; trustees, C. E. Jacob, R. H. Hill, and D. A. Whiteside.

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BOXING.

JUNIOR LIGHT-WEIGHT TITLE.

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SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S CHELMSFORD MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Son o' Melton.*	Squire Erlegh.	Little Gem Rose.	Providence.	Daisy Cutter.	The Bleeka.
Man on the Spot	Son o' Melton.	Troika; if ab., Farm Gamp.	Little Gem Rose.	Providence.	Daisy Cutter.	Sprig.
Sporting Life	Son o' Melton.	Troika.	Spicey.	Providence.	Mintoi.*	Arduous; if ab., The Bleeka.
Man on the Spot	Atholhampton.	Troika.	Royal Sport.	Providence.*	Mintoi.	The Bleeka.
Westminster Gazette	Son o' Melton.	Troika; if ab., Ilderton.	Spicey.	Providence.	Daisy Cutter.	The Bleeka.
Daily News	Muscadin.	Farm Gamp.	Boy Mac.	Providence.*	Mintoi.	The Bleeka.
Daily Chronicle	Atholhampton.	Troika.	Boy Mac.	Providence.	Mintoi.	Arduous.
Daily Express	Muscadin; if ab., Son o' Melton.	Troika; if ab., Ilderton.	Royal Sport; if ab., Boy Mac.	Providence (next best).	Mintoi.*	Arduous; if ab., The Bleeka.
Daily Mirror	Atholhampton.	Playful.	Brahmin.	Providence.	Mintoi.	Arduous; if ab., The Bleeka.
Daily Graphic	Son o' Melton.	Squire Erlegh.	Royal Sport.	Providence.	Pride of Manister.	Arduous.
Star	Atholhampton.	Troika.	Boy Mac.	Providence.*	Mintoi.	Arduous.
Evening News	Atholhampton.	Moonbeam.	Brahmin.	Providence.*	Mintoi.*	Arduous.
Evening Standard	Atholhampton.	Poole's best.	Boy Mac.	Providence.	Pride of Manister.	Arduous.
Daily Mail	Rousham.	Troika.	Little Gem Rose.	Providence.	Mintoi.	The Bleeka.
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BOXING.
LIGHT-WEIGHT TITLE.
NEW YORK, Monday. ...der, feather-weight champion, has ...his title—namely, that of Junior ...champion, by outpointing Jack Bern... ...round bout.—(Reuter.)

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

DEPRESSION AND STAGNATION STILL CURRENT. IRISH LAND AND LOCAL LOANS STOCKS. BANK STOCK, AND TEXTILES WEAK. RADIOS GOOD. TOBACCOS CLOSED OVER WORST.

There was continued weakness in important sections of securities on 'Changes yesterday, and selling pressure developed further in certain directions. The Funds again gave way, with Irish Land and Local Loans Stocks particularly depressed. Banking securities opened quietly steady, but Bank Stock was finally a dull feature. Breweries were mostly idle, but Guinness finally came on offer. British and Irish Steam remain on offer. Home Rails more or less marked time. Anyway, there was no feature. Dublin United Tram Ord. Shares remain sellers. Parent Tyres and Dunlop Rubber issues were again on offer. Tobacco Shares were depressed, but British-Americans finally recovered lost ground. Textile and Lever Bros. Shares were also pressed back. Oils weakened further.

The Funds were again in a drooping condition. Consols fell ⅜ to 55⅜ ⅛, War Loan 4½ p.c. ¼ to 96½, War Loan 5 p.c. ⅞ to 99⅜ ⅜ ⅛, Funding Loan ¼ to 86½, Conversion Loan ¼ to 78¾, Irish Land 2½ p.c. 1 to 56, and Local Loans 3 p.c. 1⅛ to 63⅜.

In Corporation issues Dublin 3½ p.c. repeated 66.

Banks opened quiet, but closed sellers. Hibernians repeated 7 and Provincial Old Shares 22½, but Bank of Ireland Stock at the later market turned weak and fell 1½ to 245½.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Castlebellingham and Drogheda Debs. rose ½ to 58½, but Guinness Ord. Shares left off rather on sale at last price. 37⅞, and at the later market were sold at 37⅛.

British and Irish Steam Shares were again on offer at 15s. 6d., or 6d. under last quotation.

As regards Home Railways, Great Northern Ord. repeated 61½, but the Debs. fell 1 to 70, while the Guaranteed Stock rose ½ to 66½. Great Southern Pref. repeated 57½, the Ord. 46, and Midland Great Western 4 p.c. Pref. 52.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. eased another ⅛ to 6⅞.

Parent Tyre Pref. fell 6d. further to 12s.

Alliance Gas Shares repeated 6⅞.

In Drapery Shares, Todd Burns Ord. repeated 16s.

Among Manufacturing Shares, British-American Tobacco at the opening fell 1s. to 102s., and then recovered to 103s., and Imperials 1s. 9d. to 67s. 6d., 67s. 3d. 67s. Cots gave way 1s. to 61s., Cottons ¼d. to 69s. 9d., Bradford Dyers 2s. 9d. to 56s. 3d., and Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 4½d. to 21s. 3d.; but the 8 p.c. Pref. of the latter were harder at 21s. 3d. Courtaulds were rather better at 59s. 6d. Ross and Walpole Pref. realised 10s. 7½d.

Marconi Shares did not quote, but Radio Common rose a further 4½d. to 18s. 10½d. 19s. 3d. and the Preferred 1½d. to 17s. 7½d.

Trading and Miscellaneous securities were drawn blank.

Shell Transports fell 6d. to 74s. 6d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols.....(55⅛)	55⅛ ⅛	G.S.W. Ord.....(46)	45
4½% War Loan..(97)	96⅞	Do. Pref.....(87½)	87½
5% War Loan.(99⅛)	99⅛ ⅜ ⅛	M.G.W. 4% Pref.(53)	53
Funding Loan.(86⅛)	86⅛	Dublin Trams...(6⅛)	6⅝
Victory Bonds...(91)	91	Parent Pref...(12/6)	12/-
Conver. Loan..(76)	75⅞	Todd Burns...(16/-)	16/-
4% War Bonds '28..99⅛		Brad. Dyers...(58/-)	55/3
5% War Bonds '27..105		Coats .....(62/-)	61/-
5% War Bonds '28..105		Cottons .....(49/4)	48/9
Land Act.....(57)	56	Courtaulds .....(59/3)	59/6
Local Loans...(65½)	63¾	B.A.T...(103/-)	102/- 3/-
Dublin Stock.....(66)	66	Imp. Tob.....(68/9)	67/- 6/104 7/3 *7/-
Bank of Ireland (346‡c)	345‡c	Lever 7% ...(7/4)	21/3
Hibernian .....(7)	7	Do. 8% ...(21/4½)	21/3
Provincial .....(22½)	22½	Ross-Walpole Pref.	
Castlebellingham Brew.			10/3½ x.d.
Deb. .....(58)	58½	Radio Com.(18/9)	18/10½
Guinness .....(57⅜)	57⅜		
U.N. Ord.....(61½)	61½	Do. Pref...(17/3)	17/7½
Do. Guar....(66½)	66½	Shells .....(75/-)	74/6
Do. Deb.....(97½)	97½		

*Odd lot; †bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount ... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit ... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day .... Dec. 21 | Jan. 7
General contango day ... Dec. 24 | Jan. 8
Ticket day ... Dec. 27 | Jan. 9
Account day ... Dec. 28 | Jan. 10

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Stock Exchange will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was dull again. Gilt-edged were weak. War Loan dealt in at 99⅛ 99½. Consols marked 55⅜. Conversion Loan 75¾. Belfast Corporation 6½ p.c. Mortgages unchanged at 104⅞. Belfast Harbour Commissioners 5½ p.c. unchanged at 74. Great Northern repeated 61½. Inglis Pref. unchanged at 21s. 1½d. Dunville and Co. lower at 11. M'Connells Distillery repeated 4½. Robinson and Cleaver Pref. declined 9d. to 15s. British-American Tobacco Ord. 2s. lower at 101s., Imperial Tobacco lower at 66s. 9d. Dunlop Rubber relapsed to 7s. 3d. Lever Bros. 8 p.c. Pref. improved 3d. to 21s. 3d. White Tomkins and Courage Ord. repeated 23s. 6d., Maypole Def. 6s.

LONDON STOCKS FLAT.

A DULL CLOSE.

The Stock markets opened yesterday morning with a rather better tone, and became quite steady for a time. Liquidation seemed to have ended for the moment, and there was a tendency to rally. This state of things, however, did not last long, and at the close prices were lower all round. In the Gilt-edged market British Funds were dull; Consols fell ⅛ to 55⅛; the 5 per cent. War Loan fell ⅛ to 99⅛; the Conversion Loan at 75¾ fell ⅛. Irish Land Stock lost a point at 56; India 3½ per cent. fell ½ to 65½; the 5½ per cent. was 100 ex div.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were not much in evidence, but French Fives fell another ½ to 24½ on the renewed weakness of the franc. Brazil Funding of 1908 at 80 fell 1. Chinese Fives of 1912 also fell 1 to 66. Cascho-Slovakia Bonds lost 1 at 94. Peruvian Corporation Pref. fell ½ to 25½.

HOME RAILS were down generally, the only rise being that of ½ to 32½ in London and North-Eastern Def.-Ord. Great Western fell 1 to 107½; London Midland and Scottish Ord. at 102½ fell ½, the 4 per cent. Pref. ½ to 79½, and the Pref. of 1923 1 to 78½. London and North-Eastern Pref.-Ord. fell 1 to 84½, the 1st Pref. ½ to 79½, and the 2nd Pref. ½ to 73½. Southern issues all fell; the Pref.-Ord. at 84½, the Def.-Ord. at 37½, the "A" Stock at 34, and the "B" Stock at 11, all shed ½; while the 5 per cent. Pref. fell 1 to 96½. Undergrounds were very weak. Metropolitans lost 1½ at 70½, the Pref. 2 at 97½, and Underground Electric Bonds 1 at 100.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILWAYS developed a weak tone. Pacifics closed unchanged. Argentines were heavy; B.A.G.S. fell 1½ to 79, Pacifics 1 to 71, Westerns 1 to 71, and Centrals ½ to 66. San Paulo Ord. dropped 1½ to 133½, and United of Havana 1½ to 77½. Mexican 6 per cent. Pref. fell a point to 16, and Mexican National 1st Pref. ½ to 4½. Antofagasta Ord. lost ½ at 85, and Bahia Blanca ½ at 79. Americans were dull and lower.

OIL SHARES WEAK.

EAGLES STILL FALLING.

Oil shares pursued an irregular course yesterday, with business still on an extremely small scale, and with attention directed to only a few of the leading issues and speculative favourites. Although an improving tendency became noticeable at one period of the day, prices slipped back again at the end, the movements finally recorded being generally of little importance. Among the leaders Mexican Eagles suffered from further realisations. Royal Dutch recorded a small loss. Shells maintained a fairly steady tone, but on balance the shares were unchanged. The statements at the meeting of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company created a favourable impression, and both the Ord and Pref. Shares recovered. Burmahs also strengthened. Phœnix moved down, and Steaua Romana (British) closed easier. A slightly harder tendency characterised Trinidad issues, and recoveries were marked in Apex and Leaseholds. Closing prices:—

M.U.
Dec. 11.

4/-/-	Agwi Petroleum	⅜	⅛ + ⅛
2/9	Anglo-American	3⅜	3⅛xd+ ⅛
1/-	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1/8	1/4xr
1/-	Anglo-Egyptian "A"	⅛	⅛
1/10	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	21/11½	21/7½+0/3
22/9	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/10½	22/4½+0/4½
2/6	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	2⅜	2⅜+ ⅛
80	Do. 8 p.c. Deb.	80	80
2/-	Apex Trinidad	2⅛	2⅛+ ⅛
11/9	Bris. Borneo Pet. (10/-)...	3/-	3/- +⅛
8/9	British Burmah (5/-)	6 6	7/8 +0/3
8/-	British Controlled	8/0	8/3
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/-	6/-
4/-	Burmah	3⅞	4⅛+ ⅛
24/9	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/9
1/9	Caltex	1/8	1/9
13/9	Ducia Romano	⅞	⅞
5/-	Eagle Transport	4/-	4/- +1/-
102½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	102
103½	Do. Bearer	103	114
4/4½	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/9	4/8
—	Do. Burmah	0/9	0/9
13/3	Kern River (10/-)	14/-	14/9 +0/1½
4/-	Lobitos	3/8	3⅝— ⅛
20/7½	Mexican Eagle	19/1½	19/7½—0/4½
20/7½	Do. Pref.	19/-	19/3
13/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/10½	13/4½—0/4½
—	North Caucasian (10/-)...	1/9	1/8
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/9	1/8
2/6	Pera Syndicate	2/6	2/6
16/3	Phœnix	14/7½	15/1½—0/4½
2/4	Premier Oil	2/3	2/3
—	Rumanian Consolidated	1/-	1/-
23½	Royal Dutch	23½	23½— ⅜
/10½	Scottish American	9/3	9/9
3⅛	Shell Transport	3⅛	3⅛
2/-	Do. 6 p.c. Pref. (£10).	2/-	2/-
21/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	22/1½	22/1½—0/1½
2/3	Spies (10/-)	2/3	2/3 +0/1½
7/3	Steaua Romana	6/9	7/0 —0/1½
5/9	Tankers Pref.	4/9	5/3
9	Trinidad Central	8	8
1/9	Trinidad Leaseholds	1½	1⅝+ ⅛
6/10½	United Brit. Trinidad	6/9	6/9
½	Ural Caspian	⅛	⅛
4/6	Uren Oil	3/3	3/6 —0/3
1⅛	V.O.C. Holdings	1/-	1⅛
1/4	Do. 7 p.c. Pref. assent.	1/-	1⅛

Anglo-Sum.....10/3		N. Hammock 18/7½	
Bah Tigs.....29/9		F.F.E.(C'p'n) 19/6	
Bata Tigs.....30/3		Fataling.....19/10½—2/0	
S.N.E.R.Tract 15/0		Pilmoor.....18/7½	
Bris. Belleek...1/7		Rim Kelantan...1/3	
Bukit Ceh ... 4/0		Rub.E.Jobore 22/7½	
Bukit Rajah...21/0		Sapetang.....20/3	
Castlefield.....4/6		Sapumah'de. 20/3	
Chavies.....2/10½		Selangor.....20/3	
Clooly 4/3		Serdang Civil 24/0 —0/6	
Eastern Trust 15/9		Soember Ajoe 1/9	
Geo.Cayley.....23/9		Sumatra Con. 18/6 —1/0	
Glenbervie ... 27/3		Sungai Buaya 23/7	
Golden Hope 21/6		Sungei Chob...18/7½—0/7½	
Java Amal.....27/6		Sungei Kapar. 3/9½ —0/2	
Kapar Para.....20/6		Sungei Kr. Pi. 3/0	
Kastorian.....17/9		Taiping 1/4½	
Kepitigalla... 7/3	+2/3	Tebrau 36/10½	
Kombok 2/6¼	—0/6	Telopoh'dje ... 35/0	
Langkat Sum 27/6		Tempeh.....6/3	
Ledbury 20/-		Ulu Temiang...27/4	
Lipah Ler N.B.19/0		Yan Sang.....3/9	
Lumbakau ...16/9			

*Ex Div. †Ex Rights. ‡Cum div.

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PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles a rather steadier market, but few gains. Bleachers, 45/-45/6; do. Pref., 21/3-21/6; Bradford Dyers, 55/6-56/6; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; Calicos, 29/9-30/3; do. Pref., 17/6-17/9; Fine Spinners, 46/-46/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-. "Slubbers, 48/3; Counts, 61/-61/6; Sewing Cottons, 48/6-49/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Ship Canal, 3⅞-3⅞; do. Pref., 9⅛-9⅜.

BIRMINGHAM Market quiet, but firmer. Rovers and Humbers received more support. Austin Fourth Debentures again sold at 51. Dunlops lower, but finished firmly. Austins, 2/10½; Biernels, 44/-; Calthorpes, 5/-; B.T.D. 6/14; Enfields, 21/3; Humbers, 21/6; Rolls-Royce, 28/-; Rovers, 14/-; Singers, 24/-; Standards, 47/6; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 30/-; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/3; Patent Deferred, 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/3; Components, 4/-; Calcotts, 38/9.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 15⅜; ditto New, 13⅜, £13 16/6; Associated Re-Insurance, 9/6; Commercial Union, £17 5/-, £17 19/-, 18⅛; Caledonian, 113; Eagle Star, 24½; General Accident, 6⅞, £6 8/3, £6 7/9, 6⅞, ⅞; London and Lancashire, 15⅞, ⅛, ⅜; London Insurance, 9⅜, ⅛, ⅜, ½; Northern New Ordinary, 13⅜; Northern, 15½, ⅝; Phœnix, 10⅜; Royal Exchange, 467; Scottish Union A, 9⅜, ⅛, ⅜, ½; World Auxiliary, 17/6, 34-, 18/-, 17½, 17/-; Zurich, 104.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL—Alliance, 15⅛; Commercial Union, 18, 17⅞, 16/6, ⅛, ⅜, ⅛, ⅛; Employers' Liability, 83/9; General Accident, ⅛, ⅜; Guardian, 7; Liverpool 4 per cent., Thames and Mersey Deb. Stock, 80; London Lancs., 15⅛, ⅛, ⅜, ⅛; do. 5 per cent. Law Union, 103½; London Assurance, 8⅛; North British and Mercantile, 53, ⅛; Northern Assurance, 14⅛; do. Part., 14⅛; Phœnix Norwich Union, 11⅛; Royal Insurance, 83, ⅛; Scottish Union and National Insurance A Shares, 9⅛; Sea Insurance, 34.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

Belfast and Co Down Railway.—Week ending 14th December, 1923:—Passengers, etc., £3,653; merchandise, etc., £1,197; total, £4,850. Aggregate receipts to date:—Passengers, etc., £260,681; merchandise, etc., £62,713; total, 323,378.

Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland.—Week ending December 14, 1923—Passengers, receipts, etc., and mails, £7,892 (corresponding week, 1922, £8,247, decrease £1,658); merchandise, £13,838 (1922, £13,839, increase £499); live stock, £5,444 (1922, £5,576), decrease £113; miscellaneous, £79 (1922, £70), increase £9. Total for week, £26,663 (1922, £27,792), decrease £1,129. Aggregate to date, £1,236,856 (1922, £1,264,239), decrease £57,403.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols.....55⅜	⅛	3½ Conv. Ln.	75-75⅛ — ⅛
War Ln.3½ %	95⅝-96⅜	Irish Land 2½ %	55-57 —1
Do. 4½ % ...	96⅛-97⅛	India 3½ % ...	65½-66½
Do. 5 % ...	99⅛-99⅝ — ⅛	Do. 5½ % ...	100 ex div. — ⅜
Do. 4 % Tax free	100-101	Do. 4 % ...	90½-100⅛ — ⅛
Fund'g L'n...5½%	97⅛	Do. 3 % ...	114-118
Victory Bds.....	91-92	Local Loans	63⅜-64⅜
		Sudan 5% p.c.	107-109

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1942	92-94	Nigeria 6% ...	111-113
Aust. Com. 5½ %	99-101	Q'land 4.1940-50	89-91
do. 5 % ...	104-106	do. 4½ 1937-8	86-88
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	91-93	do. 6 % 1928-30	101-103
Canada 4 % ...	86-88	S. Africa 4 % Cks.	84-86 — ⅛
do. 4½ 1925-5	99½-100⅛*	do. 6 % ...	102-105 — ⅛
Cape 3½ Cons.	72-75	S.A. Stock 4%	80-82 84-86
Ceylon 6 % ...	106-7*	do. 5½ % ...	100-102
Natal 3½ '23...	81-83	do. 4½ % ...	100-5
N.S.W. 4½ 1922-7	96-98*	Victoria 4. 1916-30	93-97 — ⅛
do. 6. 1927-9	99-101*	do. 6½ 1927-8	100-2*
do. 5½ 1925-30	98-101*	W. Aust'n 4½	87-91 84-86 — ⅛
do. 5½ 1940-60	100-5	do. 5½ 1930-40	102-104
N. Zeal'd 4. '29	87-89 — ⅛		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U.
Dec. 11.

—	Atchison	108	111 —1
—	Baltimore	68	68
—	Chesapeake	79	81*
—	Chicago Milwaukee	16	16 —1
24½	Erie	23	24 — ⅛
—	Do. 1st Pref.	32	34
—	New York, Ontario	17	19 —1
43	Southern Common	42	44
—	Do. Pref.	77	78
—	Southern Pacific	99	101
—	Union Pacific	145	148 —1⅛

BRITISH RAILS.

110½	Great Western	107	108 —1
102	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord...	102	103 — ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	78	81 — ⅛
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	78	80
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	85	101
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923.	77	80 —1
86⅛	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	84	88 —1
33⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	31½	32 + ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref. ...	78	81 — ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref. ...	77	80 — ⅛
74½	Metropolitan	70	72 —1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	99 —1
—	Do. District	53⅜	54½
38	Southern Pref. Ord.	35	38
—	Do. Def. Ord.	34	34 — ⅛
—	Do. "A"	33½	34½ — ⅛
12	Do. "B"	10¾	11⅜ — ⅛
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	97	100
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pr.1924	97	100
—	Underground Electric ...	2¾	3
100½	Do. Income Bonds.....	89	101 —1
102	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	100	104*

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87	Antofagasta	84	86 — ⅛
—	Argentine, G.W. Ord....	71	73*
—	Bahia Blanca	78	80 — ⅛
—	Brazil Railway Common.	30	32
80½	Buenos Ayres Gt. So.	78	80 —1½
72	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	70	71 —1
72	Buenos Ayres and W....	70	72 —1
106	Canadian Pacific	105	106
67	Central Argentine	62	66 — ⅛
42	Central Uruguay	40	42
—	Entre Rios	15	17
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	60	65
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	69	71*
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	29	31*
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb..	29	31*
70½	Leopoldina	19⅜	21½
9¼	Mexican Rail....	8	9
27½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25	27
17½	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	15	17 —1
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref...	4	5 — ⅛
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1⅝	2¾
130	San Paulo Ord.	131	138 —1¼
80	United Havana	76½	78¼ —1¼

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101
72	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74
104½	Do. 5 p.c. 1907	103	105
40½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	39	41
80½	Do. Funding, 1908.....	79	81 —1
69⅜	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	68	70
94	Chinese 6 p.c., 1913*	93	94
15½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	14	16 —1
17⅞	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	17	18
66¼	Chinese 5 p.c., 1913*	65	67 —1
93½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds ..	93	94
73¼	Egyptian Unified	73	74
25⅜	French Loan	24	25 — ⅜
19½	Do. 4 p.c.	19	20
13/3	German 3 p.c.	1/-	⅛*
13/3	Italian Rentes	12	13
108½	Japanese 4½ p.c., 1st ...	107	109
93	Do. 4 p.c., 1905	91	93
97	Do. New 5 p.c., 1907.	95	97
67	Mexican 4 p.c.	64	66
69	Do. 6 p.c. Con'y. Treas.	64	69
24½	Peruvian Corporation ...	24	25½
28	Do. Pref.	28	30 — ⅜
93½	Do. Deb.	93	94
33½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	32	34
108½	San Paulo 8 p.c.	108	110
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	61	66
84½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	83	86

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt ..	7	7½
—	Anglo-South American ..	2/-	2/-
—	Australasia	13⅜	13⅝
—	Bank New South Wales	34	35*
—	Bank of New Zealand...	7½	8
—	Barclays	2/-	2/- — ⅛
—	British of Foreign Trade	1	⅞
—	British Overseas	8	8½
—	Canadian of Commerce..	39	41
—	Chartered of India	19¾	19¾ — ⅜
—	Hong Kong	124½	128½
—	Lloyds	36/6	38/6 —0/6
—	Midland	8/-	8/-
—	National Discount	8/-	8/- — ⅛
—	National Prov. (£4 p.) ..	10¾	11 — ⅜
—	Royal Bank of Canada..	48	50
—	Standard South Africa ..	10¾	10⅞
—	Union of Australia	11	11
—	Westminster Bank	17	17½ — ⅛

TELEGRAPHS.

22	Anglo-American Def.	22	23¼
2/6	Marconi Wireless Ord. ...	1⅛	1⅜
—	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅜
—	Do. Def.	10⅜	10⅝ —1
—	Do. Marine	1⅜	1⅝
6/3	Do. Canada	6/-	6/3 —0/6
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅜	1⅝
17/9	Radio Corporation	18/9	19/9 —0/1⅜
—	Do. Pref.	17/9	18/7 +0/6

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	Aboukir Land	1	1⅛
22/6	Aerated Bread	17/-	17/6
29/6	African and East. Trade.	27/6	28/6
30½	Allanza	29	31
4/6	Allsopp 6% Shares	4/-	⅛
70	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	68	72 —1
9/9	Amalgamated Cotton ...	8/3	9/3
3½	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	3	3½
2/-	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate ...	1⅞	2/-
8/9	Argentine Northern Land	7½	8½
21/6	Do. Southern Land ...	19/-	21/-
17/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	15/6	16/6
20/9	Associated Cement	19/6	19/9
17/9	Do. Pref.	16/9	17/9 —0/3
5⅞	Assd. Newspapers Def..	4¼	5
—	Bartholomay Pref.	⅞	⅞
91	Bass, Ratcliff & Gr. Pref.	90	93
9/6	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅜
48/9	Bleachers	2⅞	2⅞
34/6	Borax Con. Def.	1⅛	1⅜
24/6	Brett Def.	1⅛	1⅜
—	Brazilian Traction	14	14⅜
45½	British Portland Cement	44	46
10/6	B.S.A.	9/6	10/6
10/3	British Celanese Ord. ..	9/6	10/6
29/9	British Oil and Cake ...	1⅜	1⅝
12/6	B.N.E. Land	1⅛	1⅜
64½	Brit. Col. Electric Rail..	83¾	86¼
—	Do. Deb.	89	92
27/6	Brunner Mond	24/6	25/6
47/9	Bryant and May	23/-	23/- — ⅜
24/6	Bradford Dyers	23/-	23/-
104/9	British Tobacco	101/6	102/6 + 0/6
—	British Glass	1/1½	1/4½
30/7	Calico Printers	29/-	29/6
18/6	Camwell Laird	14/6	15/6
2/-	Carr's Flour	1/-	1/-
63/3	Coats	59½	61½
60/9	Courtaulds	58/3	59/3 — 2/0
—	Court Line	20/6	21/6
—	Crosse and Blackwell ...	2/-	2/-
—	Cunard Ord.	7⅞	8
—	De La Rue Deb.	31	32 — ⅜
8/3	Dunlop Rubber	7/-	7/9 — 0/3
100¾	Do. Pref.	98	100
—	Do. Amer. Fire Deb. ...	85	90
18/3	Dorman Long	14/6	15/6
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	10	12
—	English Sewing Cotton...	21/-	21/-
49/6	English Sewing Cotton...	47/-	47/-
48/6	Fine Spinners	44/-	44/-
11/9	Forestal Land	11/-	11/-
—	Furness Withy	24/-	24/-
20/6	General Electric Ord. ..	19/3	20/6
—	Do. Debs.	102	105*
372	Guinness	370	374
—	Do. Pref.	122	122*
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅝	1⅞ — ⅛
3/9	Harrods	3/6	3/9
—	Hoyle Deb.	1/-	1/-
5⅝	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅜	5⅝
24/6	Imperial Tobacco Ord...	24/-	24/6
19/6	John Brown	17/6	19/6
12/6	Do. (18- paid)	11/-	12/6
1/-	Lautaro Nitrate	1/-	1/-
—	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/9	21/9
—	Lever 8 p.c. Pref.	21/-	22/-
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	90	93 —1
23/9	Lipton	22/-	23/-
20/3	Liverpool Warehouse	20/-	20/-
4½	Lyons (J.)	4⅜	4⅝ — ⅛
1⅜	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1⅜
23/9	Lhen Thread Ord.	23/-	23/- — ⅛
—	Lister Ord.	1⅛	1⅜
2⅛	Liverpool Nitrate	2⅛	2⅜
—	London Nitrate	2⅛	2⅜
2/9	Mackintosh (J.) Pref. ..	2/3	2/9
—	Maypole Def.	5/9	6/3
20/-	Mercantile Pref.	19/-	20/-
—	Mexican Trams	17	20
—	Do. Bonds	68	71 —1
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds..	3	6
21/0	Niger Pref.	19/6	21/-
11/6	Nobel Ord.	10/6	11/- —0/6
20/6	Do. Pref.	20/-	21/-
—	Do. Def.	19/6	21/-
—	Parnall Aircraft Def....	1⅛	1⅜
—	Do. Ord. .....

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AUCTIONEERS, 110 GRAFTON STREET.

ON VIEW TO-DAY, 11 UNTIL 4 O'CLOCK,
LOTA, CROSS AVENUE, BLACKROCK.
ENTIRE SUPERIOR ANTIQUE AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,

SALE TO-MORROW AND FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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HAZLEY & CO., AUCTIONEERS, MAIN ST., BLACKROCK.

NUTGROVE, DOWNPATRICK,
CO. DOWN.
IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE FARM,
GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, AND CORN MILL.

WE have received instructions from John H. McCammon, Esq., to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at our Mart in ENGLISH STREET, DOWNPATRICK, on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1923, at the hour of One o'clock p.m., that magnificent Residence, known as "NUTGROVE," with the splendid Farm adjoining, containing 243a. 2r. 29p., Statute measure, held in Fee-simple, subject to an Annuity of £110 4s. 10d., payable to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

The Dwellinghouse, which is most imposing, contains beautiful hall, 3 reception rooms, and 6 bedrooms, bathroom, w.c., pantries, sculleries, etc. There is a nice Lawn in front, and about 1 Acre of Garden, with Greenhouses.

The Office-houses are most extensive. Front Yard comprises stables for 9 horses, byre for 40 head of cattle, 5 loose boxes, barn, loft, 80 feet long; hay loft, motor garage, fowl-house, 2 loose houses for cattle, and extensive piggeries. Back Yard comprises—Byre for 26 cattle, 5 loose houses, bull's house, opening into large walled paddock.

In the Kitchen Yard is a car house, harness room, and boiling house.

The Hovel Stands in Stackyard are stone-built, and there is a large Iron Hay Shed, 60ft. x. 23ft., and Cart Shed. All the houses are slated, and in thorough repair.

The CORN MILL, which is well-known throughout the district and enjoys a large connection, is five storeys high. There are 3 Sets of Stones, and Bamford Grinder and Bruiser. It is let to August, 1924.

The water power, which is inexhaustible, is derived from Loughinisland Lake, and, besides feeding the Mill, also drives the Thresher, Cleaner, and Elevator on the Farm, and the Turnip Cutter, Churn, and Separator.

The water for the residence is taken from a well, and is raised by a force pump, driven by the same water power.

There are 10 Cottages on the Holding, besides Blacksmith's Shop and Dwellinghouse and Carpenter's Shop and Dwellinghouse.

The Lands of are splendid quality, and have had a great reputation for many years. All are well fenced, drained, and watered.

This splendid Farm is situate about 2 miles from Tullymurry Railway Station, 4 miles from Downpatrick and Ballynahinch, and lies in a most peaceable district. The County Down Staghounds and East Down Harriers hunt regularly in the neighbourhood.

Terms—£1,000 Deposit at time of Sale, with 2½ per cent. Auction Fees; balance as per Conditions of Sale.

Cards to View to be had from Auctioneers or Solicitors.

For particulars as to Title, apply to MARTIN and HENDERSON, Solicitors, Downpatrick.

PETER FITZPATRICK & SONS,
Auctioneers,
LOUGHINISLAND AND DOWNPATRICK.

COUNTY OF MEATH.
SALE OF FARMS OF LAND,
WITH A HOUSE AND BUILDINGS THEREON,
Situate in the Townlands of
BALBRADDAGH and RETAINE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION (Pursuant to an Order of the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, dated 19th day of February, 1923),

IN TWO LOTS,

At the COURTHOUSE, TRIM, COUNTY MEATH, On SATURDAY, the 29th DECEMBER, 1923, At the hour of 12 o'clock noon, by

PATRICK SMITH & SON,
AUCTIONEERS.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

LOT 1.—All that and those part of the Lands of Balbraddagh, situate in the Barony of Upper Navan and County of Meath, containing 134 acres 3 roods and 15 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, held in fee-simple, subject to an annuity of £81 7/8, beginning on the 1st June, 1921, and payable half-yearly to the Irish Land Commission until an advance of £2,504 has been repaid.

The Poor Law Valuation of the land is £95.

LOT 2.—All that and those part of the lands of Retaine, situate in the Barony of Lower Navan and County of Meath, containing 36 acres 1 rood and 20 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, held in fee-simple, subject to an annuity of £12 3/2, commencing to run on the 1st December, 1907, and payable half-yearly to the Irish Land Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, until an advance of £374 shall have been repaid.

The Poor Law Valuation is £22 10/-.

There is a substantial Residence and suitable Out-offices on Lot 1.

Both Lots are situate about 3½ miles from the Town of Navan, and an equal distance from Trim, both important Fair and Market Towns.

The Purchasers will not be required to pay Auctioneers' Commission.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

THE AUCTIONEERS;

or to DANIEL J. REILLY, Solicitor having Carriage of Sale, Trim, Co. Meath, and 35 Molesworth street, Dublin;

or to JOHN CLARK and CO., Solicitors for Plaintiff, 11 Westmoreland street, Dublin.

IMPORTANT LETTING OF ABOUT
300 ACRES
OF THE LANDS OF
MULHUSSEY, MILLTOWN AND RODANSTOWN,
KILCOCK, CO. MEATH.

On FRIDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1923, TO BE LET, on the Lands, the above OLD PASTURE LANDS in suitable divisions, all well watered, sheltered and fenced.

Sale at 2 o'clock. Terms at Sale.

P. J. MULVANY,
Auctioneer and Valuer,
DUNSHAUGHLIN.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

DOCKRELL LIMITED,

Donnybrook, 7 acres, Stillorgan Road—FINE RESIDENCE FOR SALE, with possession. Good garden, motor house, paddock, gate lodge; only about 10 minutes from tram. Four reception, 6 bedrooms, hot bath, 2 w.c.'s, etc. Apply to Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Rathgar—ON FAVOURITE ROAD—Handsome Residence, enjoying lovely mountain views, FOR SALE. Three fine reception, 6 bedrooms, maid's room, hot bath, garage; tennis ground, large garden. Seen by appointment with Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Monkstown—ON tram line—DESIRABLE HOUSE, perfect order; £950, with possession; 8 rooms, kitchen, hot bath.—Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

Bray—WELL-BUILT SEMI-DETACHED NON-BASEMENT HOUSE, with possession; 7 rooms, hot bath, large garden. Price £950. Apply Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street.

DOCKRELL LIMITED,
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BLACKROCK—FOR DISPOSAL—The Interest in the Lease of a Pretty Detached Cottage Residence, standing in five acres. There are two bathrooms, four reception rooms, lounge hall, four bedrooms, servant's-room, with garden, tennis court, outoffices and fields. Seen by appointment.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN & WESTERN RAILWAY.
CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS, 1923.

EXCURSION BOOKINGS.

On Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th December, return tickets at single fare and a third will be issued (where service suits) from Dublin (Kingsbridge), Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, to stations distant 25 miles and over and from the same stations to Dublin (Kingsbridge), Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, available for return up to and including Thursday, 27th December (Express Mail excepted).

CROSS-CHANNEL EXCURSIONS.

On Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd December, cheap bookings will be given from Dublin (Kingsbridge) and principal stations to London, etc. (via Rosslare and Fishguard), also from certain stations to London, etc., via Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown) and Holyhead, available for 16 days. For particulars see the Company's posters and handbills or apply at stations.

PASSENGER TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY,
21st, 22nd, and 24th DECEMBER.

A Passenger Train will leave Kingsbridge for Kildare at 7.15 p.m., calling at intermediate stations.

The Down Night Mail will leave Kingsbridge at 8.0 p.m., and will NOT stop at intermediate stations to Newbridge (inclusive).

ON SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

A Passenger Train will leave Limerick for Newcastle West at 3.0 p.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

A Passenger Train will leave Tuam for Claremorris at 5.30 p.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

ON MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

A Connection will be given to Tralee (via Limerick) off the 12.30 p.m. Train from Kingsbridge.

A Connection will be given to Ennis off the 4.45 p.m. Train from Kingsbridge.

The 8.0 p.m. Down Night Mail from Kingsbridge will also give Connections for Tralee (via Mallow), Valencia Harbour, Ennis and Waterford (via Limerick Junction).

A Passenger Train will leave Limerick for Newcastle West at 3.0 p.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

A Passenger Train will leave Tuam for Claremorris at 5.30 p.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

A Passenger Train will leave Ennis for Gort at 4.50 p.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

ON TUESDAY, 25th DECEMBER (Christmas Day).

The usual Sunday Service will be in operation, with the following additions:—

A Passenger Train will leave Kingsbridge at 8.0 a.m. for Portarlington, Maryboro, Mountrath, Ballybrophy, Templemore, Thurles, Goolds Cross, Limerick Junction, Knocklong and Intermediate Stations thence to Cork, giving Connections to and from Limerick, via Limerick Junction (Limerick, depart 10.15 a.m.), to and from Waterford, via Limerick Junction (Waterford, depart 8.30 a.m.), and Cobh.

A Passenger Train will leave Kingsbridge for Sallins and Intermediate Stations, thence to Waterford, via Carlow, at 8.30 a.m., giving a Connection for Stations on the Tullow Branch.

A Passenger Train will leave Tullow for Sallins at 1.10 p.m., giving a Connection thence to Kingsbridge.

A Passenger Train will leave Limerick for Tralee at 8.0 a.m., calling at Intermediate Stations.

The 10.15 a.m. Passenger Train, Cork to Cobh, on this date will be altered to leave at 8.30 a.m.

ON WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

There will be a number of Reductions and Alterations in the Passenger Train Service. For particulars apply at Stations.

GOODS TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

For particulars of Goods Train Service apply at Stations.

ON WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

The Company's Goods Stations and Goods Offices will be Closed, and no Goods Trains will run. Goods Traffic will not be dealt with, and Live Stock only at places where Fairs are held, and for which special provision has been made.

E. A. NEALE, General Manager.

Kingsbridge Station, Dublin,
December, 1923.

THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), 19th DECEMBER.
SCHOLARSTOWN, RATHFARNHAM — Fegan Estate—Letting of 25 Acres Grazing, in divisions. 12.30 o'clock.

IMPORTANT LETTING OF
PRIME GRAZING LAND,
WESTON PARK, LUCAN.

PATRICK O'CONNOR and SON, LTD., are favoured with instructions from J. O'Neill, Esq., to LET BY AUCTION, on SATURDAY NEXT, 22nd DEC., on the Lands, as above, 110 Irish Acres Primest Grazing Lands, in divisions, from 9 to 25 acres. Water guaranteed. Sale 12.30 o'clock.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.
PRIME GRAZING FARM,
MARLAVILLE, MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE.

ALL THE INTEREST AND GOODWILL in the above holding, containing 106a. 2r. 10p., Statute, or thereabouts, held in fee-simple, subject to a very moderate annuity of £82 17/6, payable to the Irish Land Commission.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The Lands are of the very finest quality, and have been let for a number of years past on the 11 months' system at handsome profit rents. They are abundantly watered, sheltered and fenced. The land is only half-mile from Maynooth Railway Station, on the Midland line, and is most valuable both for its feeding qualities and as a rest for cattle.

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49 QUEEN STREET, DUBLIN.

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AT 50 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN,
On TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),
Commencing at 12 o'clock.

Previous to above will be offered:
40 B.F. HORNY EWES, running with a Hampshire Ram since September.

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170 Acres, in two divisions, convenient to rail and shipping; well watered, sheltered and herded, and acknowledged by experts to be some of the finest Grazing Land in the county.

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Apply:
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STORE CATTLE AUCTION
TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 11 O'CLOCK.
GANLY, SONS & CO.
USHER'S QUAY, DUBLIN.

SALES BY PRIVATE TREATY.

FOR Sale by Private Treaty, for Mr. Wall:—Lot 1—The "Mill Farm," at Graney, 69a. Statute, four miles from Carlow; P.L.V., £50 5/-; Annuity, £39 14/4. All prime grazing and meadowing land, with good house and abundant winter keep. Lot 2—Prumplestown, containing 40 acres 26 perches; P.L.V., £30 10/-; Annuity, £17 15/8; one mile from Castledermot. Good dwelling and extensive out-offices. Lands, in best of heart, comprise 11 acres manured land, 13 acres ploughed for roots (manure supplied), balance grass.

PAUL A. BROWN, Solicitor, Carlow.

CONTRACTS.

VARTRY WATER EXTENSION TO HOWTH.

Estimates are required for the supply of Cast Iron Pipes and Fittings, and for the laying of same.

Specifications can be had and plans inspected at Office of Council's Engineer, Frederick Higginbotham, M.I.C.E.I., 24 Nassau street, Dublin.

A deposit of £1 per set is required, returnable on receipt of tender and specification.

EDUCATION.

AYLWIN COLLEGE for BOYS, ARNSIDE, MORECAMBE BAY. Boarding School only of 70 boys. Boys grow well physically and mentally amid ideal surroundings. Own Farm of 120 acres. Graduate Staff. Preparation for all Exams. Special Courses for Commerce and Agriculture. Fees reasonable. Excellent Buildings. Principals—H. H. LLEWELLYN, J.P. (Founder), Major W. K. INNES, D.S.O., M.A. (Cambridge).

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Prospectus, etc., from the Head Master, R. WILLIAMSON, M.A. (Cantab.).

£45 PER ANNUM—To fill unexpected Vacancies in good-class Boarding School for Girls in Gloucestershire, a few Pupils can be received at the above greatly reduced fee. For Prospectus and full particulars apply KIMMINS, Stonehouse, GLOS.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS, 1923.

On 22nd, 23rd, and 24th inst. Excursion Tickets at Single Fare and One-third for the Double Journey, will be issued by all trains from and to Dublin, Wexford, and Waterford, with all stations 20 miles or more distant from these places, where train service permits, and will be available for return up to and including 27th instant.

On SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, a special Excursion Train will leave Harcourt street at 9.25 a.m. for Wexford, and will return at 6.10 p.m., stopping at all stations between Bray and Wexford. Special Cheap Day Trip Excursion Tickets will be issued for this train.

On WEDNESDAY, 26th instant, Day Trip Excursions at very reduced rates will be issued from and to Dublin, full particulars of which can be obtained at the stations.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

On 24th instant the train service will be the same as on Saturdays, with following exception and additions:—

The 12.45 p.m. train from Harcourt street to Bray will not run.

A special Connection will be given on the Waterford Branch with the 6.5 p.m. train from Harcourt street.

Special late trains will leave Harcourt street for Wexford at 9.30 p.m., and Wexford for Harcourt street at 9.0 p.m. Connections will be given on the Shillelagh Branch.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th INST.,

There will be no service of trains south of Greystones.

Trains will run every two hours between Harcourt street and Bray, from 9.30 a.m., to 10.30 p.m. down.

Westland Row and Bray Line—An hourly service of trains from 8.7 a.m. up to 11.0 p.m. down, with several connections to and from Greystones.

WEDNESDAY, 26th INSTANT.

Generally the week-day service will be in operation, but the 6.35 a.m. Main Train from Westland Row to Wexford will be altered to leave at 8.0 a.m., and the 4.20 p.m. from Wexford to Westland Row will be altered to leave at 6.15 p.m. The 4.15 p.m. train from Enniscorthy to Wexford, and the 6.0 p.m. from Wexford to Enniscorthy, will not run.

On the Shillelagh and Waterford Branches special services will be substituted.

On the Westland Row, Dalkey, and Bray Line there will be a reduced service up to 10.45 a.m., after which the normal service will be resumed.

THE COMPANY'S GOODS STORES will be Closed on 25th and 26th instant.

THE PARCELS OFFICES will be Open on 26th instant until 11.45 a.m., after which they will be Closed.

LEOPARDSTOWN RACES, 26th and 27th Instant.

A frequent service of Special Trains will be run from Harcourt street to Foxrock from 12.0 o'clock until after first race. Return Fares:—First Class, 3/-; Third Class, 2/-.

Full particulars of Excursion and Train Arrangements can be obtained at the stations.

M. J. MAGUIRE.
Traffic Manager.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vict., C. 35.
In the Goods of

NICHOLAS WINTERS, late of Newfoundwell, Drogheda, in the County of Louth, Publican, who died on the 7th day of March, 1923.

All persons claiming to be Creditors of, or to have any claims against the estate of the abovenamed Deceased are required, on or before the 21st day of January, 1924, to furnish the particulars of their claims (in writing) to me, as the Solicitor for Patrick Winters, of Scarlet street, Drogheda, in the County of Louth, Contractor, the Administrator, to whom Letters of Administration were granted on the 24th day of May, 1923, in the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann. The said Administrator will, after the said 21st day of January, 1924, proceed to administer the Deceased's estate, having regard only to the claims of which he or I then have had notice.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1923.

FRANCIS G. McKEEVER, LL.B., Solicitor for the Administrator, 34 and 35 Laurence street, Drogheda.

IN THE GOODS OF
HENRY J. O'BRIEN, late of Kevin street and Edenvale road, Ranelagh.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above-named Deceased are requested to send particulars, in writing, of same to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors.

T. J. FURLONG, Solicitor, 11 Eustace street.

SIRS,—Take Notice that I, MICHAEL SUGRUE, of No. 1 Verschoyle Court, in the City of Dublin, do intend to apply at the next General Licensing Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the County of the City of Dublin, for a Transfer of a Seven Days' Licence to sell Beer, Cider, and Spirituous Liquors by retail in the house, No. 1 Verschoyle Court, in the Parish of Saint Peter and County of the City of Dublin.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1923.

MICHAEL SUGRUE.

To the Divisional Magistrates of the City of Dublin; the Superintendent of the "A" Division of Police; the Clerk of the Peace.

ROBT. H. COMMINS, Solicitor, 13 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

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Forrests reputation for Glove Values is World-renowned.

Ladies' Fur Top Deerskin Gloves, wool and fur lined. From 13/6 to 35/- pair.

Ladies' Reliable French Suede Gloves, 3-butt, in all shades, 6/11, 7/11, and 8/11 pair.

Gauntlet Washable Chamois Gloves, sewn black, elastic wrist, white and natural, 8/11 and 12/6 pair.

A choice selection of Fur-Back Gloves, in nutria, moleskin, and coney seal. From 19/11 to 4 Guineas.

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Ladies' Silk and Wool Hose, in a large variety of mixtures, 4/11, 5/11, and 6/11 pair.

Best quality Pure Silk Hose, in all the new shades, 8/11, 10/6, 12/6, and 18/6 pair.

Ladies' American Fibre Silk Hose, reliable quality, black, brown, beige, cinnamon, grey, and otter, 4/6 and 6/11 pair.

Ladies' Gauntlet Deerskin Gloves, elastic and strap wrist, brown and grey, 9/11, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/6 pair.

Ladies' 2-Butt. Real Deerskin Gloves, reliable quality, grey, beaver, and brown, 6/11, 8/11, 9/11, and 10/6 pair.

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Sea Urchins play with Gilbert Educational Toys.

A telegram from Mr. Gilbert informed us that the ship carrying a big consignment of the famous Educational Toys intended for us has been wrecked and the cargo lost.

Doubtless the sea urchins will have the Christmas Day of their lives playing with them.

But another consignment for the mere landlubbers was hurried forward by express by Mr. Gilbert, and they are here for bright boys and girls who like something superior to the ordinary toy.

Prices ranging from 1/- to 3 Guineas.

Clay Modelling	Glass Blowing	Puzzle Parties
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RAILWAYS.

MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
CHEAP EXCURSIONS FROM AND TO DUBLIN.

ON SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 22nd and 24th DECEMBER, 1923,
EXCURSION TICKETS
AT SINGLE FARES AND ONE-THIRD
Will be issued from
DUBLIN (BROADSTONE)
TO ALL STATIONS MORE THAN 15 MILES FROM DUBLIN,
And
FROM SAME STATIONS TO DUBLIN (BROADSTONE).

Tickets will be available by Limited Mails either on Outward or Return journey.

These tickets will be available for return up to and including Thursday, 27th December, 1923.

In order to save any inconvenience to passengers, it is requested that tickets should be purchased beforehand, either at the Ticket Office, Broadstone; Messrs. Cook's Office, Grafton street, or at Hewitt's, D'Olier street, Dublin.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

ON SATURDAY, 15th; TUESDAY, 18th; THURSDAY, 20th; WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER, SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS WILL LEAVE ATHLONE at 8.0 a.m. and LONGFORD at 7.45 a.m., calling at Intermediate Stations to Mullingar, and connecting there with 9.0 a.m. Passenger Train to Dublin.

On FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, 21st, 22nd, and 24th December, the Down Night Mail from Dublin (Broadstone) to Galway, Sligo, Westport, and Ballina, will not start until 8.0 p.m., and will run one hour later.

The Up Night Mail from GALWAY will not start until 8.35 p.m., and will run correspondingly later.

The Up Night Mail from Westport, Ballina, Ballinrobe, Sligo, and Ballaghaderreen will remain unaltered.

On Monday, 24th December, there will be a connection off the Town Night Mail to Dunsandle and Loughrea.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Ordinary Train Service will be completely suspended, but a Special Passenger Train will leave Dublin (Broadstone) at 8.30 a.m. for Enfield, calling at intermediate stations.

ON ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

The full Passenger Train Service will be maintained, but the service for Goods and Live Stock Traffic will be suspended, except that arrangements will be made to convey Live Stock for the Dublin Market from stations between Athlone, Clara, Edenderry, Kingscourt, Athboy, and Intermediate Stations to Dublin.

For further particulars apply to Stationmasters.

M. F. KEOGH, General Manager.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

LINDA CHAPMAN BARRY, late of 18 Upper Pembroke street, Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, S. 19, that the said Linda Chapman Barry, by her Will dated the 19th day of September, 1921, made the following charitable bequest:— To the Executor therein named the sum of two hundred pounds, to be applied by him for Masses for the repose of her soul, and the souls of her deceased relatives and friends, said Masses to be said in a Church or Chapel open for public worship in Ireland, he to have uncontrolled discretion as to the allocation of said sum amongst the Roman Catholic clergy as he may think fit.

The said Testatrix died on the 20th of September, 1921, and probate of her said Will was, on the 17th of January, 1922, granted forth of the Principal Registry, King's Bench Division (Probate), of the High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland, to William Lindley Bloomer Cochrane, of 9 Leinster street, Dublin, Solicitor, the sole Executor therein named.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

T. D. VANCE, Solicitor for the said Executor, 9 Leinster street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and to all whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

LORENZO CHAPMAN BARRY, late of No. 35 Eccles street, Dublin, Retired Bank Official, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, S. 19, that the said Lorenzo Chapman Barry, by his Will dated the 26th of July, 1910, made the following charitable bequest:—That 1,000 Masses be said for his intentions, as may be, to cost no more than two shillings and sixpence, and to be said in such a way as not to be liable to probate legacy, bequest, or any other tax or duty whatsoever, and thereby appointed Miss Linda Chapman Barry sole Executrix.

The said Testator died on the 28th of November, 1920, and Letters of Administration, with the said Will annexed, of all the personal estate of the said Deceased were granted forth of the Principal Registry, King's Bench Division (Probate), of the High Court of Justice in Southern Ireland, to William Lindley Bloomer Cochrane, of No. 9 Leinster street, Dublin, Solicitor, the sole and acting Executor of the said Linda Chapman Barry.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

T. D. VANCE, Solicitor for the said Executor, 9 Leinster street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and to all whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of

FENTON FITZPATRICK, late of 50 Upper Rathmines, in the County of Dublin, and formerly of the Adelphi Hotel, South Anne street, Dublin, Deceased.

All persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased are requested to furnish particulars thereof (in writing) to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors on or before the 1st day of February, 1924. And Notice is hereby given that after the said 1st day of February, 1924, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to such claims and demands of which notice shall have been given and particulars furnished as hereby required.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1923.

CUSSEN and KIERAN, Solicitors for the Executors, 41 Kildare street, Dublin.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of

THE REVEREND GEORGE HENRY VAUGHAN, late of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin, M.A. (Cantab.), Clerk in Holy Orders, Deceased.

Take Notice that, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vict., cap. 35, all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Rev. George Henry Vaughan, deceased, who died on the 21st day of June, 1923, are hereby required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1924, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to Mrs. Clyde Evelyn Vaughan, of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin; or to Alured L. D. Long, of the Bank of England, Western Branch, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1, the Executors of the Deceased, and to whom Probate of the Will of said Deceased has been granted in the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice (Probate) in Saorstat Eireann; or to the undersigned respectively, Solicitor for the said Executors, and in default thereof the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testator, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

WILLIAM FINDLATER and CO., Solicitors for the said Executors, Chambers No. 53 Dame street, Dublin.

IN THE GOODS OF

MRS. JULIA KING, late of South Main street, Wexford, Widow and Shopkeeper, Deceased.

Creditors of the above-named Deceased are hereby required to furnish detailed particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1923.

WILLIAM CAULFIELD, Solicitor, Commercial quay, Wexford.

APPEALS.

MENDICITY INSTITUTION,
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THE ANNUAL FREE DINNER

to the Destitute Poor will be provided on Christmas Day. Tickets of Admission can be obtained from the various Charitable Societies, Parochial Clergy of all Denominations, or

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL.
THE
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The Governors of the Hospital again appeal to the friends and supporters of this very deserving Institution, and ask them, when distributing their Christmas gifts, to remember the Poor, and so gain the blessings of this holy season.

The pressure on the funds of the Hospital is very great, and although many have responded generously to the monthly appeal, there are still a great many improvements necessary to make the Hospital comfortable, and the Governors depend on the generosity of the Public to carry them out.

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Many of the friends of the late Dr. W. Ashley Cummins are anxious that his memory should be perpetuated in some suitable manner, and are of opinion that the most suitable form of a Memorial will be the endowment of a Bed or Cot in the Victoria Hospital in gratitude for his wonderful work for that Institution, and for his unfailing care and kindness to the sick and suffering of Cork City and County for over forty years.

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(Signed),
(1) P. T. DALY, Councillor.
(2) SEAMUS M. O BRAONAIN, Councillor.
(3) JOHN FARREN, Councillor.
JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk.
17th December, 1923.

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